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VIR CHAKRA CONFERRED ON ABHINANDAN VARTHAMAN

India's third highest wartime gallantry medal was given for showing "exceptional sense of duty", the award citation said

DOWNED PAK F-16 RAISED MORALE OF FORCES

President Ram Nath Kovind on Monday conferred the award (pic) on Group Captain Abhinandan Varthaman, who downed a Pak F-16 a day after the Balakot surgical strike in 2019, ejected from his MiG-21 after it was hit in enemey territory and was held captive there for three days. The citation said his action raised the morale of India's armed forces

OTHER AWARDS

The Gallantry awards included included two Kirti Chakras (one posthumous), one Vir Chakra and 23 Shaurya Chakras (10 posthumous)

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Anti-Conversion Bill to be tabled in next session

Draft to be ready by Dec 5, says minister; CM indicates party will discuss the issue

ASHWINI M SRIPAD @ Bengaluru

THE State government is likely to introduce the Anti-Conversion Bill in the next legislature session in Belagavi beginning from December 13. Home Minister Araga Jnanendra said that the government is keen to pass the Bill and the draft is expected to be ready by December 5.

Uttar Pradesh, Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh and Jharkhand have already passed such laws and Karnataka is studying them, he told The New Indian Express. "We are also consulting legal experts and preparing the draft. We want to bring it in the next legislature session and we are working towards it," he added.

On Archbishop Peter Machado, who has written to Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai opposing the proposed bill, Jnanendra said that Machado and his team met him. "I told them this law has nothing to do with any religion and that no one from any religion should be worried. The bill is to take action against those who convert people forcibly. The law and order situation is getting affected because of such conversions. As it involves an emotional factor, it disturbs harmony in society. There have been clashes between communities and the government cannot sit idle. Forcible conversions have to be banned. This does not mean that the government will restrict prayers and other religious practices. We accept all religions," he added.

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>
> Araga Jnanendra, Karnataka Home Minister

At another event, Bommai told the media on Monday that the issue will be discussed within the party.

When the chief minister's statement was brought to his notice, Jnanendra said that he will get the draft bill ready and take the opinions and suggestions of party leaders and get their approval. "We want to introduce and pass the bill in this session. There is a high chance of the bill getting passed. We are skeptical only because the duration of the session is just ten days," he added.

Recently, heads of several mutts, including Santhosh Guruji, Siddalinga Swami and Pranavananda Swami, met Bommai, urging him to ban religious conversions in the state.

The issue of anti-conversion bill was raised in the previous session by BJP MLA Gulihatti Shekar, who alleged that religious conversions are rampant in Chitradurga and said that his mother had converted to Christianity. Jnanedra had then said the government is proposing to bring in a law to control forcible conversions.

SHAHRUKH

TAKES TAMIL NADU TO VICTORY

M Shahrukh Khan smashed a dramatic last ball six to help Tamil Nadu defend the Syed Mushtaq Ali Trophy T20 title with a thrilling four-wicket win over Karnataka in the summit clash here on Monday. P13

Slew of dissent notes in JPC report on personal data bill

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

A Joint Committee of Parliament (JPC) that was examining the Personal Data Protection Bill, adopted its report on Monday though its Opposition members like Congress' Jairam Ramesh and Manish Tewari and Trinamool's Derek O'Brien and Mahua Moitra submitted separate dissent notes.

However, Ramesh was generous in his appreciation of the democratic manner in which the committee functioned under the chairmanship of BJP leader P P Chaudhary. "Finally, it is done. The Joint Committee of Parliament has adopted its report on the Personal Data Protection Bill, 2019. There are dissent notes, but that is in the best spirit of parliamentary democracy. Sadly, such examples are few and far between under the Modi regime."

In his two-page dissent note, the Congress chief whip in the Rajya Sabha argued that Section 35 of the bill gives almost unbridled powers to the Centre to exempt any government agency from the entire Act itself. "Under the amendment I had suggested, the Central government will have to get Parliamentary approval for exempting any of its agencies from the purview of the law. Even then, the government must always comply with the bill's requirement of fair and reasonable processing and implementing the necessary security safeguards," he said.

Midway change of head

"We started in December 2019 and finished in November 2021," Tewari said. The report got delayed because the panel's former head Meenakshi Lekhi got a ministrial berth. Chaudhary was then appointed as its new chairperson

Ramesh argued that the JCP report allows a period of two years for private companies to migrate to the new data protection regime, but governments and government agencies have no such stipulation and that the constitutional right to privacy arises only where operations and activities of private companies are concerned.

Tewari, in his very detailed dissent note, said, "I do not agree with the fundamental design and construction of the bill." He said he is not in sync with many of the proposed clauses and suggested clause by clause amendments. He added that in its present form, the bill would not withstand legal scrutiny.

BOATS OUT IN BENGALURU

Karnataka Fire and Emergency Services personnel use a raft to evacuate stranded residents of Kendriya Vihar apartment complex, which was flooded due to heavy rain overnight and also a breach in the adjacent Yelahanka lake, in Bengaluru on Monday | SHRIRAM BN | P2

Compensation within 24 hrs to farmers: CM

V VELAYUDHAM @ Kolar

AS heavy rain and floods have caused massive damage to standing crops across the state, Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai on Monday said that the compensation to farmers, who have suffered such damage, will be deposited into their accounts within 24 hours of their details being uploaded onto the government website. As per preliminary reports, standing crops in over 5 lakh hectares have been damaged, Bommai said.

After getting first-hand information about the extent of damage in Kolar and Bengaluru Rural districts, the chief minister said there will be no delay in giving compensation to farmers who have sustained losses.

"We have told the officials to immediately start the survey to assess the damage. Every day, officials will upload details on the Parihara website and we will ensure that farmers get the compensation within 24 hours of details being uploaded," he said.

Standing instructions have been given to all deputy commissioners to provide details of rain-related damage, and funds will be moved directly to their bank accounts, he said.

₹685 crore that is lying in the personal deposit accounts of deputy commissioners already will be used to provide immediate relief to those affected. ₹500 crore has been released to take up relief works, he added. CONTINUED ON: P7

MORE RAIN LIKELY

The Meteorological Department has predicted heavy rain in another four to five days. All deputy commissioners, superintendents of police and zilla panchayat chief executive officers have been instructed to take all appropriate measures, Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai said. On the demand to increase the compensation amount, he said that discussions have already ben held and the Centre will take a decision soon.

EXPRESS READ

India's GDP may grow 8.1%: Report

Mumbai: India's GDP is likely to grow around 8.1 per cent in the second quarter of the current financial year and in the range of 9.3-9.6 per cent during fiscal 2022, according to an SBI research report.

No restraining order on Malik: HC

Mumbai: The Bombay High Court on Monday refused to pass interim orders to restrain minister Nawab Malik from making statements on social media against NCB Zonal Director Sameer Wankhede.

Ex-cop charged for Easter bombings

Colombo: Sri Lanka's former police chief Pujith Jayasundera was on Monday indicted with 855 charges of criminal negligence in the 2019 Easter Sunday terror attack that killed 270 people.

NATIONWIDE	NOV 21	NOV 22
Fresh cases	10,488	8,488
Recoveries	12,329	12,510
Deaths	313	249

KARNATAKA	NOV 21	NOV 22
Fresh cases	247	178
Recoveries	1	2
Deaths	278	373

JAB-O-METER TAKE YOUR SHOT
November 21: 32,70,520 doses
November 22: 63,98,165 doses
TOTAL DOSES: 117,54,69,625

Mahesh Joshi new Sahitya Parishat prez

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

FORMER Additional Director General of Doordarshan Mahesh Joshi is set to become the president of 106-year-old Kannada Sahitya Parishat, polls for which were held on Sunday.

Of the total 3.04 lakh voters, 1.59 lakh cast their franchise on Sunday. Of the 21 contestants in fray for the president's post, Joshi got 68,525 votes, Va Ch Channegowda 16,755, CK Ramegowda 14,100, Mayanna 8,791, Saraswathi Shivappa 6,471 and Rajashekara Mulaali 5,209 votes.

Joshi served as the additional director-general of Doordarshan, Delhi and South India. He is a recipient of many awards, including Nadoja, President's Home Guards and Civil Defence Medal for Meritorious Service.

The Parishat president's term is for five years.

In a series of tweets, Joshi thanked his voters, saying, "I want to make Kannada Sahitya Parishat, a commoners Parishat." CONTINUED ON: P7

ANDHRA CM TAKES A STEP BACK ON 3 CAPITALS IN STATE

KALYAN THOLETI @ Vijayawada

IN a surprise move, the Jagan Mohan Reddy government in Andhra Pradesh on Monday withdrew the AP Decentralisation and Inclusive Development of all Regions Act and the Capital Region Development Authority Repeal Act (the three capitals Acts), citing "suspicions, misconceptions and legal hurdles" created by some elements, indirectly pointing fingers at the opposition TDP.

Nonetheless, Chief Minister Y S Jagan Mohan Reddy made it crystal clear that his government will come up with a "better and comprehensive" legislation, indicating that he hasn't dropped the three capitals move altogether.

Buggana Rajendranath Reddy, the finance minister of Andhra Pradesh, tabled the AP Decentralisation and Inclusive Development of all Regions Repeal Act-2021 in the Assembly, which passed it by a voice vote. Making a statement on the floor of the House, Jagan said, "The three capitals — legislative in Amaravati, executive in Visakhapatnam and judiciary in Kurnool — were sought to be set up to ensure balanced development of all the regions including the backward North Andhra and Rayalaseema regions."

"Several suspicions were sowed, misconceptions and legal hurdles created.... good intentions of the government were ignored and an argument was advanced that injustice was meted out to some," he said. Stating that the government was withdrawing the three capitals Acts in larger public interest, he said it will return to the House with a better and comprehensive bill and incorporate in it answers to all legal questions.

Significantly, Jagan said the government will "explain to all sections of people and all the regions, extensively and exhaustively, the need for decentralisation of development". Briefly touching on the earlier TDP government's plan to build a brand new Amaravati capital city, Jagan said it would cost ₹1 lakh crore and with time, the cost might escalate to ₹5-6 lakh crore and wondered if the State could afford it.

Visakhapatnam, on the other hand, has everything and could be the capital with a little bit of expenditure, he observed. CONTINUED ON: P7

INHUMAN ACT

Wildlife crimes surge, make Karnataka a hub again

One of the elephants which was electrocuted this year in Karnataka

BOSKY KHANNA @ Bengaluru

FIFTY-two rose-ringed parakeets were seized by the police in Bengaluru on March 29 and sacks filled with nearly 50 monkeys, most of them dead, were found dumped on the main road in Hassan on July 28. In a span of three days, on November 13 and 16, 571 star tortoises were found abandoned at two different bus stands in Bengaluru.

These are just some of the major crimes involving wildlife that have been reported in Karnataka, which is home to some of the best-maintained sanctuaries in the country. The state had been witnessing a decline in such crimes since early 2000s when it had peaked during the heydays of forest brigand Veerappan, who was slain in October 2005. But worryingly, there has been a surge in recent times and it is being blamed on poor investigation and lack of coordination among different agencies.

CRIMES IN THE WILD PART 1

As per data, which is still being compiled, the forest vigilance wing alone has booked 565 wildlife crime and timber cases this year. Last year, it was 578, while the year before that it was 778. Forest and police officials fear that the numbers may only go up when the final data sheet comes out. The Covid pandemic, related job loss, inflation, demand for quick money, myths, traditional medicine, lack of patience, rising man-animal conflicts and even adrenaline rush are being cited as reasons for wildlife crimes, which is the second largest illegal trade globally after narcotics, wildlife experts told *TNIE*.

> **It cannot be ruled out too, as cases of elephant poaching and deaths are occurring. But cases of elephant tail hair being used in making rings and necklaces are not coming to light.**
>
> Wildlife expert

Conservationists and members of Traffic, a leading NGO working on wildlife trade along with the state government, are documenting each case and preparing a report on the rising trends.

Higher frequency and more number of interceptions and catches by forest officials point to a surge in wildlife crimes. Such cases include seizure of 9 kg of pangolin scales on October 22, the arrest of three poachers from Chikkaballapur on November 16 for slaughtering a deer for venison (deer meat), and the recovery of 20 pairs of antlers or deer horns on November 18 by Bengaluru police. CONTINUED ON: P7

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• **Tuesday:** 23/11/2021 • **Year:** Plava • **Ayana:** Dakshinayna
• **Ritu:** Sharad • **Masa:** Karthika • **Paksha:** Krishna • **Tithi:** Chathurthi 8.47 pm
• **Nakshatra:** Ardra 11.05 am • Moon in Kataka Rashi • **Rahukaala:** 03:00 am to 04:30 am
• **Gulikakala:** 12:00 pm to 01:30 pm • **Yamaganda:** 09:00 am to 10:30 am

WEATHER

MIN 20°C | MAX 27°C

FORECAST
Light showers. Broken clouds

Sunrise 6.22 am
Sunset 5.50 pm
Moonrise 9.02 pm
Moonset 9.29 am

OUR CITY CANNOT HANDLE ANY MORE RAIN

Most lakes in Bengaluru full, drains not desilted; Concretisation not letting rainwater percolate underground, say experts

BOSKY KHANNA @ Bengaluru

NOT just citizens, but now even experts, urban planners and government officials are saying that the city cannot handle any more rain.

This is not just because the city lakes are near-full, or the drains are not fully desilted, but also because the city's infrastructure is not equipped to take more rain.

A senior government official admitted, "The inlet and outlets of lakes are at gradients and not in sync in most places. This is one of the reasons for flooding as there is improper flow of water. Though a similar situation exists in Patna and Goa, the municipal corporation keeps pumpsets ready to pump out water. In Bengaluru, even pumpsets are not available."

In Agara lake, the level of the storm water drain's inlet and outlet are not aligned, which causes flooding, he added.

Prof T V Ramachandra from the Centre for Ecological Sciences, IISc, said that 85 per cent of the city's landscape is concretised. There is little or no space for water to percolate underground. Most of the lakes are full and they are still not interconnected. Despite the government's tall claims, there are encroachments. The width of the drains in most areas has been reduced from the required 8 ft. The city is now unable to handle even low-intensity rain.

"We were never prepared to handle such a prolonged monsoon. While we boasted that the city can handle 44 mm rainfall in one hour, we cannot even manage rain that falls through the night. This is because the drains are full, lakes are full and water bodies in neighbouring Kolar and Chikkaballapur are also full," the government official said.

Rakesh Singh, additional chief secretary, urban development department, admitted that everyone failed in handling the rain situation this time.

Even as the drain network is cleared, the rain showed that a lot more needs to be done. Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai has said that smooth flow of rainwater should be ensured. If there is no rain for the next 10-15 days, the situation will improve, he added.

Heavy rain overnight has left roads close to Yelahanka lake submerged in knee-deep water, in Bengaluru on Monday | SHRIRAM BN

CITIZENS, AAP HOLD STIR OVER CIVIC WOES

Residents of Junnasandra, Kasavanahalli and Halanayakanahalli gathered on Sunday to protest the lack of action by MLA Aravind Limbavali and the local authorities. Every year, the residents face major flooding around their locality, and they allege that the reason for it stemmed from a residential layout built over the local storm water drain. In this regard, AAP volunteers also organised a protest march, led by the party's Mahadevapura president, Ashok Mruthyunjaya.

BBMP OFFICER SPENDS NIGHT CLEARING ROADS

BOSKY KHANNA @ Bengaluru

THE Sunday night floods in 43 areas of Yelahanka zone, North Bengaluru, left residents stranded in their homes. As SOS messages flashed around, it was Yelahanka BBMP zone Joint Commissioner Poornima PV who led the team from the front to ensure there were no untoward incidents.

Poornima visited flooded spots and gave directions to clear water and make way for people. She visited as many sites as she could before participating in the joint inspection of the area with Yelahanka MLA S R Vishwanath and BBMP Chief Commissioner Gaurav Gupta.

"I started visiting areas from where most complaints were pouring in, like water stagnation. I was unable to visit all the places due to lack of time. I am closely following the weather forecast," Poornima told *TNIE*. Photographs of her standing on the road in slip-ons and with just an umbrella at night, giving orders, caught the attention of many Bengalureans who appreciated her dedication and said this was the first time an officer had stood with them at night.

Meanwhile, she said that 11 teams have been formed, apart from two Prahari teams, in 11 zones. People have not been shifted from low-lying areas as they don't want to leave their homes.

Laboratories at prestigious JNCASR affected

S LALITHA @ Bengaluru

THE heavy rain that pounded North Bengaluru on Sunday night that led to overflowing of all lakes in the surrounding areas has caused heavy damage to the reputed Jawaharlal Nehru Centre for Advanced Scientific Research (JNCASR) as well as residents of Jakkur and Rachenahalli, who were forced to remain indoors all of Monday. Manyata Tech Park, which houses many IT companies, shut as a precautionary measure.

Water gushed into the research labs at JNCASR, severely affecting the samples (culture) and the impact is likely to be felt for long. Administrative Officer Joydeep Deb said, "I am standing in sewage water as I am speaking to you. We have been affected a little in the past due to heavy rains, but this kind of damage is something we never experienced before. Our experiments depend a lot on temperature control and study of culture in specific conditions, but we had to switch off everything on Monday. BWSSB and BBMP have been helping us out all of Monday. No one is to blame. It is just nature's fury and we have to accept it."

Dr Annapurna Kamath, a member of Jalaposhan – a citizens' movement for Jakkur Lake protection, said Agrahara, Yelahanka, Kogilu and Thirumenahalli lakes are located upstream. "They overflowed and flooded Jakkur Lake, from where excess water ran into Rachenahalli Lake. All low-lying areas in between were affected."

Sanjeev Dyammanavar, a resident of Telecom Layout in Rachenahalli, said that as all surrounding roads in the area were flooded, residents had to take a circuitous 4km route to reach Lumbini Gardens. "Rain started by 6 pm and even as I was reaching home from work around 8 pm, I knew we would have big problems in the morning if it continued."

Karadi Shivalinga, an IT employee, said MCECHS Layout, between Jakkur and Rachenahalli, was severely affected. "Water reached up to the seats of two-wheelers. Water gushed from lakes into the stormwater drain. As the drains were broken, sewage had mixed with rainwater on the roads."

The JNCASR compound lies inundated in Bengaluru on Monday | EXPRESS

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Dr Annapurna Kamath, member, Jalaposhan

Poor infrastructure: Apartment residents suffer full rain fury

DONNA EVA @Bengaluru

RESIDENTS of Kendriya Vihar apartment complex were unable to enter their homes, such was the extent of waterlogging in Yelahanka as rain lashed the area through Sunday night. Several areas around Bengaluru similarly faced the brunt on Monday morning.

Teams from the Fire and Emergency Services, SDRF and NDRF were deployed with boats to rescue people stranded in the apartment complex.

Basavaraj Gugwad, a resident, said when it had rained on Friday, there was 2ft of standing water which had to be drained out. On Sunday night, water rose to 4.5 ft and gushed into homes on the ground floor, in the complex of 603 flats. Government teams supplied food and water to the residents.

The residents blamed BBMP for poor management, and said that overflowing of lakes and clogged drains have led to the damage.

Yelahanka MLA SR Vishwanath told TNIE that the complex was constructed on a portion of storm water drain around 20 years ago, and the area was also a paddy field. Now, residents are not allowing staffers to undertake inspections, which is making matters worse.

Vishwanath said flooding was not only due to silt and garbage accumulation in drains, but also because the inlets and outlets of lakes are narrow. Citing the example of Yelahanka lake, he said the inlet is just 8 feet wide, and the unprecedented rain of Sunday night could not flow into the lake, leading to flooding.

He said a discussion was held with BBMP Chief Commissioner Gaurav Gupta and it was decided to construct a 33-ft wide drain, using TDR from Yelahanka to Jakkur lakes. "We cannot pump the water out as it is continuously flowing in. We are hoping the rain will subside or there is no rain for 1-2 days," he said.

A picture taken at Manyata Tech Park showed two people hoisting a net into the waterlogged streets to catch fish. Colonel Ramachandran, a resident of Defence Enclave, next to the park, said, "The water is at three or four feet now, it's entered all our houses and our furniture is damaged. I had to take the engineers to the rajakaluve by tractor." The rajakaluve had been overflowing with no respite, despite a fire tender being discharged.

PIC: SHRIRAM BN

Daily Starscope

PETER VIDAL

23rd November : As the hours pass, sensitive alignments are replaced with energetic ones - which means that, no matter what our individual signs, there's a gradual shift from secrecy, intensity and rampant emotion, to outgoing confidence and unfettered adventure. Sounds exciting to me!

ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr. 20)
It is pleasant to find not one, not two but three planets, totally and beneficially aligned with your sign. My prognostication for personal affairs can therefore only be good. But to help yourself, may I urge you to sail through life with a smile?

TAURUS (Apr. 21 - May 21)
The continuing relationship between Venus, planet of love, and Jupiter, ruler of expansion, should lift your morale and expand your romantic horizons. Please remember that you may feel as sentimental about places as about people, and a nostalgic journey could be just the thing to restore your morale.

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)
You are in an extremely strong position to air your grievances - as long as you are diplomatic. What's more, you can also do something about them. Other people may object but, if they're honest with themselves, they'll realise the truth about the situation. And not before time, you might think!

CANCER (June 22 - July 23)
This is hardly a convenient time in many respects, but then you're used to juggling different arrangements and contradictory pressures. The trouble is that you could run up large bills without noticing. So, keep an eye on potential social costs.

LEO (July 24 - Aug. 23)
You may keep your attention on long-term ambitions, but vary your strategy. Perhaps you can forget about making the grade for a while and concentrate on offering other people a helping hand. Your future is assured, but theirs is not. Realise that, while partners' difficulties may seem small to you, to them they will soon seem insuperable.

VIRGO (Aug. 24 - Sept. 23)
Extroverted, outgoing influences combine in equal measure with introverted, inward-looking ones. Perhaps this means that you'll take control in secret. It could also mean that this is an ideal day for spiritual reflection - or just for spending time by yourself.

LIBRA (Sept. 24 - Oct. 23)
Your social stars are supreme, encompassing the entire range of human contacts under their beneficial glow, from casual meetings with strangers to passionate encounters of the most intimate kind. Why not let your barriers down and enjoy yourself?

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 22)
Make an early start and set your sights high, as high, in fact, as you possibly can. If professional schemes are afoot, today's prospects are as near perfect as you can expect this week. It's important to cultivate friendly relationships, even with rivals.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23 - Dec. 22)
You should be able to move one step closer to your aims at home, which means that you should now level with loved ones and explain your intentions. Rather than try and fill in all the facts, give people a general picture, and let them share your vision of a better future.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23 - Jan. 20)
You should find it much easier to improve any ties which have held you back at work. You could also find that there are just not enough hours in the day! Over-commit yourself if necessary: take on more than you can cope with now and you'll learn a million vital lessons for the future!

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 - Feb. 19)
You will need all the charm you can muster if you are to save yourself from a financial hole, or maximise the impact of a brilliant bargain. I don't need to remind you that it's appearances that count when you're deciding between different people - and when they're judging you.

PISCES (Feb. 20 - Mar 20)
Bearing in mind that the truth is relative, and means different things to different people, you must decide how much of what you know to give away. I suspect that there is little harm in dispensing the facts, but I should imagine you'll be far more cagey with your feelings.

THE PHANTOM

HI AND LOIS

BEETLE BAILEY

BLONDIE

WHOA! I WAS JUST DREAMING THAT I WAS AN HONOR STUDENT IN HIGH SCHOOL.
THAT SOUNDS LIKE A FUN DREAM, DEAR
NOT REALLY...MY BOSS WAS THE SCHOOL BULLY
AND HE HATED HONOR STUDENTS!

LOCKHORNS

DENNIS THE MENACE

SU DO KU

Medium: Test your number crunching skill with our unique puzzle

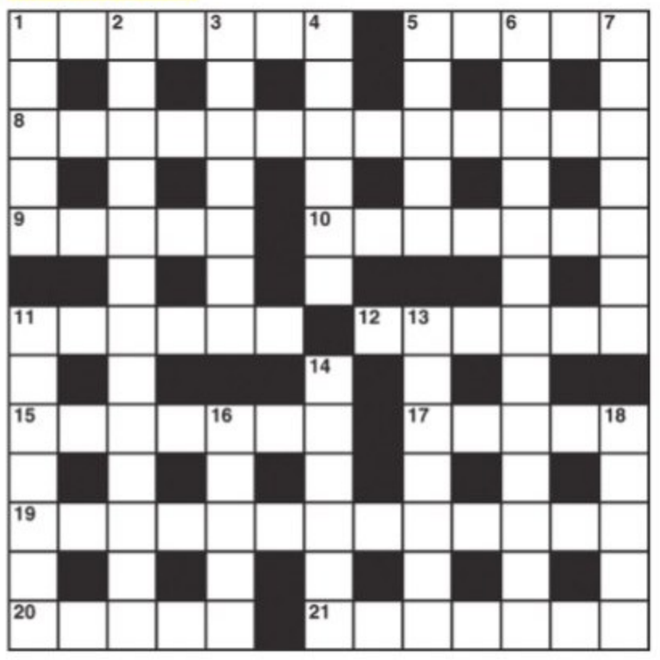
Fill in the grid with digits in such a manner that every row, every column and every 3X3 box accommodates the digits 1 to 9, without repeating any.

8	6				1			
	1	9	2					4
		4			9	6		8
9		3		6				
			1		5			
				2		9		5
7		1	6			8		
2					3	5	7	
			4				3	2

Solutions to Yesterday's puzzle

2	6	4	8	1	7	3	5	9
1	5	3	2	9	4	6	8	7
9	7	8	3	5	6	4	2	1
6	8	7	9	4	5	1	3	2
5	1	2	6	7	3	9	4	8
3	4	9	1	8	2	7	6	5
4	9	6	5	2	1	8	7	3
8	3	5	7	6	9	2	1	4
7	2	1	4	3	8	5	9	6

CROSS WORD



ACROSS

1 Appear to understand an informal survey (4-3)
5 Send a telegram for a conductor (5)
8 Have total success and remove the directors (5,3,5)
9 Arms order that's not on the level (5)
10 I leave a clergyman in church (7)
11 Get to the bottom six feet down (6)
12 Old-fashioned neckwear kept in shops (6)
15 Mourning becomes her tragic role (7)
17 They rig the markets for jewellery (5)
19 Concise description of most liqueurs (5,3,5)
20 Used by a golfer in a jam? (5)
21 It is not indeed meant (7)

DOWN

1 Jousting records (5)
2 Keen traveller to be avoided by drivers (3,3,3,4)
3 Mess up morse for the commander in chief (7)
4 Get up late? (6)
5 Sea room? (5)
6 Statistics may be vital in obtaining its result (6,7)
7 Ensured mutation for bears (7)
11 It cuts timber from the far west (7)
13 Gives up and goes to bed (5,2)
14 Put into a container and drunk (6)
16 It is included in the tax (5)
18 Located or spotted by ear (5)

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTIONS

Across: 1 Atlas, 8 Endanger, 9 Asset, 10 Golf club, 11 Pause, 12 Ebb, 16 Disown, 17 Eureka, 18 Dad, 23 Phase, 24 Hot stuff, 25 Judas, 26 Internee, 27 Beget.

Down: 2 Tasmania, 3 Aversion, 4 Entomb, 5 Jaffa, 6 Agile, 7 Bribe, 12 End, 13 Bed, 14 Archduke, 15 Skyscape, 19 Alfred, 20 Chair, 21 State, 22 Stork.

JUMBLE

By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

NIOGG
SMYOS
OGDTUU
TWHISC

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Rats! What a waste of a great drive.
Don't let it bother you. You've had some great shots too.
THE GOLFER'S ERRATIC PLAY ON THE COURSE RESULTED IN ---

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon

Answer here:

ANSWERS TOMORROW

YESTERDAY'S **Jumbles:**
JOUST RALLY SKETCH BEMOAN
ANSWER: His son washed and waxed his car but did a – LACKLUSTER JOB

Tourist feared drowned

Karwar: A tourist from Kanakapura is feared to have drowned in the Arabian Sea at Murudeshwar on Monday. Raghunandan (19), accompanied by his nine friends, entered the water. While others managed to swim to safety, Raghunandan was swept away, said sources

TRACKING COVID-19

SPEED AND RISE OF COVID-19 CASES IN KARNATAKA

178 CASES REPORTED TODAY

TOTAL CASES TILL DATE

TODAY 29,93,777

YESTERDAY 29,93,599

247 CASES REPORTED YESTERDAY

DEATHS

TODAY 2 | YESTERDAY 1

The first Covid-19 case in Karnataka was reported on March 8, 2020. Since then until November 22, 2021, a total of 29,93,777 cases have been reported in 1 year and 258 days...

DISCHARGES

TODAY	YESTERDAY
373	278

Active cases

TODAY 6,867

YESTERDAY 7,064

POSITIVITY RATE

TODAY 5.67%

YESTERDAY 5.69%

The day positivity rate – **0.31%** – is calculated as the number of patients testing positive out of 100 tests conducted only in a day.

MORTALITY RATE

TODAY 1.27%

YESTERDAY 1.27%

RECOVERY RATE

TODAY 98.49%

YESTERDAY 98.48%

DISTRICT-WISE COVID CASES

LAST 24 HOURS

112 BENGALURU URBAN	1 BENGALURU RURAL

Bagalkot	0
Ballari	2
Belagavi	1
Bidar	0
Chamarajanagar	5
Chikkaballapur	0
Chikkamagaluru	1
Chitradurga	1
Dakshina Kannada	16
Davanagere	1
Dharwad	2
Gadag	0
Hassan	3
Haveri	0
Kalaburagi	0
Kodagu	7
Kolar	1
Koppal	0
Mandya	3
Mysuru	14
Raichur	0
Ramanagara	0
Shivamogga	0
Tumakuru	3
Udupi	4
Uttara Kannada	1
Vijayapura	0
Yadgir	0

COVID BYTES

Covid caseload slides below 7,000 in K'taka

Bengaluru: Merely nine days after the state's active Covid-19 cases fell below the 8,000-mark, Karnataka reached another milestone with figures dipping below 7,000 (6,867). With 373 discharges on Monday taking the total recoveries to 29,48,704, the state Covid recovery rate increased to 98.49%. This is the highest so far in Bengaluru, where recovery rate stands at 98.25%. In all, 178 new cases were reported, which took the state tally to 29,93,777. ENS

Covid-19 cases on the decline among kids

Paediatric cases proportionate to adult cases, shows data

RANJANI MADHAVAN @ Bengaluru

DESPITE a section of the scientific community fearing a rise in paediatric Covid-19 cases during the predicted third wave, numbers from the Karnataka Covid-19 war room show otherwise. Data over five months (July 20 to November 20) this year, reveals that month-wise new paediatric patients, aged 0 to 9, are declining. From July 20 to August 20, 2,231 new patients were reported. This went down to 1,311 between August 21 and September 20. In comparison, only 630 cases were reported between September 21 and October 20, which further decreased to 315 cases until November 20.

Covid-19 cases in the paediatric population are directly proportionate to those in adults. Therefore, new cases among kids have reduced, said Dr Srikanta JT, Consultant-Paediatric Interventional Pulmonology and Sleep Medicine, Aster CMI Hospital, and member of the state Covid-19 committee set up to tackle the third wave.

"To start with, we did not observe a significant number of cases in this population. Whatever cases were reported, were usually caused by the infection spreading from an adult family member. We might see some spikes here and there, but are reasonably well-protected," Dr Srikanta observed, adding that the idea of a third wave and the paediatric population getting infected, was far-fetched.

He said that children fared well in the first two waves, with not much mortality and morbidity, and opined that reopening schools was the best idea. He also pointed out that studies in Western Europe have shown that children do not cause transmission, and are not harbingers of the virus.

In the same timeline as above, new monthly cases reported in the 10 to 19 age group have also been reducing -- from 5,107 to 4,040, down to 2,520 and finally at 1,184. Covid-19, at the moment, is not an issue across India, said Dr Basavaraj GV, from Indira Gandhi Institute of Child Health, and a member of the third wave committee. "The severity of the disease has gone down, and people have developed immunity against the present strain. We don't know which strain may emerge later, but for now, Covid-19 is not a problem among children and adults," Dr Basavaraj said.

However, he mentioned that children have not been exposed to other diseases in two years, and hence, did not develop natural immunity to them. This is a cause for concern, he said, as hospitals are reporting cases of Respiratory Syncytial virus, Influenza and Pan Influenza, Metapneumovirus, Bocavirus, etc.

PAEDIATRIC COVID-19 CASES IN KARNATAKA THIS YEAR

Time duration	Age 0-9	10-19
July 20 to Aug 20	2231	5,107
Aug 21 to Sept 20	1,311	4,040
Sept 21 to Oct 20	630	2,520
Oct 21 to Nov 20	315	1,184

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Over 3 kg gold seized from Sri Lanka flyers

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AN attempt by a ten-member gang, including eight women, from Colombo to smuggle over 3 kg of gold into Bengaluru by concealing it in their bodies was foiled by the Air Intelligence Unit of Airport Customs. The total worth of the gold, concealed in the form of paste in their rectum, is around Rs 1.52 crore.

According to airport sources, the group landed at Kempgowda International Airport by a flight operated by Sri Lankan Airlines around 10.30 pm on Saturday (November 20). "They were intercepted following suspicious behaviour on their part. The total gold recovered from them is 3066.55 gram," a source said.

Due to non-operation of flights between India and Sri Lanka due to Covid, gold smuggling from the island nation had temporarily stopped. "The smuggling used to be frequent pre-Covid and it has restarted now with the resumption of flights," the source added.

The smuggled gold

PUBLIC NOTICE

It is hereby informed to the General Public that my client **Mrs. SYLVIA SAROOJ ROSARIO W/O MR. MICHAEL JOSEPH** of Bangalore has entered into a **registered sale agreement dated: 24-09-2021** with Smt. D J Kalavathi to purchase the residential site with 8 squares building built thereon, bearing old **No. 57/8, New No.20, Property No. 128, BMP Khata No.DA/E/94/PR185/2000-01, situated at Kariyanapalya Village, Kacharakanahalli, Ramachandrappa Layout, Bangalore. Measuring 1200 square Feet. bounded on East by Site No. 57, West by Site No. 57/7, North by Site No. 57/5,** bounded on East by Site No 57, West by Site No 57/7, North by Site No. 57/5 and South by Road. Any persons/claimants who claim right and title over the above property may approach the below contact Numbers with relevant documents within 10 days, otherwise, my client will proceed to the execution of absolute sale deed of the above said property

V. CHANDRASHEKARA, ADVOCATE,
PH: 98443 16972
MRS. SYLVIA SAROOJ ROSARIO,
PH: 99018 43270

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We, the undersigned bring to the notice of general public that our client Mrs. Kantha mani has lost the page serial numbered 9 as per sub registrar record of the sale deed dated 31-03-2005, registered as document No. 084/2005-06 in the office of sub registrar (North) Bangalore, While carrying the documents for xerox near Herohalli cross on 17-11-2021. Accordingly She has lodged a police complaint on 19-11-2021 with Bengaluru city police station.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the property bearing No 117, Khata No 729 and Assessment no 6, , measuring East to West 30 feet & North to South 40 feet, Herohalli Village, Yeshwanthpura Hobli, Bangalore North. If any one finding the aforesaid document is hereby requested to hand over the same to our office at the address mentioned hereunder or to Byadarahalli Police station, Magadi Main road bangalore - 560091.

HARISHA S, Advocate
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POSSESSION NOTICE (For Immovable property) [Rule 8(1)]

A/C No: 37200573447/ DRS

Whereas, the undersigned being the authorised officer of the State Bank of India **Budigere Branch**. under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13 (12) read with rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a **Demand Notice dated 13.08.2021** calling upon the borrowers **Sri. Jagadish, S/o Nagarajappa, #76, Maralukunte Village, Jala Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore Urban Dt.,** to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being **8,63,322/- (Rupees Eight Lakh Sixty Three Thousand Three Hundred Twenty Two only)** within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the **undersigned has taken possession** of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under Sub Section 4 of Section 13 of Act read with rule 8 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) **Rules, 2002 on this 18-11-2021.**

The borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealing with the property will be subject to the charge of the State Bank of India for an amount **Rs.8,84,374/-(Rupees Eight Lakh Eighty Four Thousand Three Hundred Seventy Four Only) as on 18.11.2021 and interest from 19.11.2021** & charges thereon, till the realization of the dues. The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of Sub Section (8) of the Section 13 of the Act, in respect of, time available to redeem the secured Assets.

DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the Residential Property bearing Khata No.100/100/78, Site No.78, Situated at Maralukunte Village, Marenahalli Grama Panchayath, Jala Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, measuring East to West 38 Ft., and North to South 60 Ft., Standing in the name of Sri. Nagarajappa, and Bounded on : **East by :** Chikka Muniyappa's Property, **West by :** Property of Eranna, **North by :** Road, **South by :** Property of Akkalappa,

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In connection with the above, Notice is hereby given, once again, to the said to pay to HDFC Limited, within 60 days from the date of publication of this Notice, the amounts indicated hereinbelow in their respective names, together with further interest @ 18% p.a. as detailed in the said Demand Notices from the respective dates mentioned below in column (c) till the date of payment and / or realisation, read with the loan agreement and other documents/writings, if any, executed by the said Borrower(s). As security for due repayment of the loan, the following Secured Asset(s) have been mortgaged to HDFC Limited by the said Borrower (s) respectively. Borrower(s) attention is invited to the provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available to redeem the secured asset/s.

Sl. No	Name of Borrower(s) / Legal Heir(s) / Legal Representative(s)	Total Out standing	Date of Demand Notice	Description of Secured Assests (Immovable Property)
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)
1.	**Borrower : Mr. Sundeep Bhandari, Co-Borrower / S : Mr. Sambhav Bhandari, Mr. Abhinav Bhandari & Mrs. Rajeshree Bhandari,** No.24/2, Sivan Chetty Gardens, AGA ABAS Ali Road, Ulsoor, Bengaluru - 560042	**Rs.3,88,17,878/-** As on 31-Jul-21*	**28-Sep-2021**	All that piece and parcel of property bearing in Unit No.1 in Third Floor in the building called "Aashirvaad Towers" with Ground and Four Floors constructed thereto having an builtup area of 399.62 sq.mts (4300 sq.ft) together with an UDS of 25% in and out of 884.75 sq.mts (9520 sq.ft) inclusive of its Doors, Windows, Fittings and other appurtenances attached thereto and car parking slot bearing Nos.8,9,10,21,22 and 23 on the ground floor situated at Door No.2/182, Kodambakkam High Road, Nungambakkam, Chennai- 600034 comprised in R.S.No.156/2 measuring East to West on the Northern Side and Southern Side by 80 Feet and measuring North to South on the Eastern and Western Side by 119 Feet and bounded on the North by : Plot No.4 owned by M.L.Gupta, South by : Kodambakkam High Road, East by : Property bearing Door No.1A, Nungambakkam High Road belonging to Sri R.M.Arunachalam now known as Jhaver Plaza and West by : Part of Plot No.11, Door No.1/ML, Kodambakkam High Road belonging to Dr.Motilal j.Mehta now known as Vijaya Towers situated within the Registration District of Chennai Central and Sub registration District of Joint-II, Chennai Central.

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Date: 23 - November - 2021
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Authorised Officer

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APPENDIX IV [Rule 8(1)]
POSSESSION NOTICE (For immovable property)

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The borrowers having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken Symbolic Possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under sub – section (4) of section 13 of Act read with rule 8 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 on this **19th day of November 2021**.

The borrowers in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the **IDFC First Bank Limited (erstwhile Capital First Limited and amalgamated with IDFC Bank Limited)** for an amount of **Rs.12,86,574.02/-(Rupees Twelve Lakhs Eighty Six Thousand Five Hundred Seventy Four And Paise Two Only)** and interest thereon.

The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub – section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES.

All The Piece And Parcel Of The Property Consisting Of Property Bearing Site No. 50 Property No. 501/50, Katha Si No. 441, Asmeasuring East To West: (24+11) + 40/2ft And North To South: (18+30)/2ft, In Converted Sy No. 252/1, Vide Conversion Order No. Aln.Sr.No. 62/87-88, Dated 04.05.1998, Situated At Madapatna Village, Haragadde Dhakale, Haragadde Village Panchayth, Jigani Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Banglore Urban District, And **Bounded As: East :** Ashawathamm's Property; **West :** Site No. 49; **North :** 20 Ft Road (11 Ft Road Entrance To The Schedule Site); **South :** Site No. 41

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CONGRESS RELEASES LIST OF 20 NAMES, PULLS RABBITS OUT OF HAT

KPCC president Shivakumar stamp evident on list; factionalism likely to rive party

DEVARAJ B HIREHALLI
@ Bengaluru

THE Congress on Monday released its list of 20 candidates for the December 10 elections to the Council, setting off discontent among the party rank and file. The list, which has the stamp of Karnataka Pradesh Congress Committee (KPCC) president D K Shivakumar, contains names which have raised eyebrows in political circles.

The party has omitted the name of leader of opposition in the Council, S R Patil, from Vijayapura-Bagalkot dual seat, which Patil has been representing. Instead, it has included Sunil Gowda Patil, younger brother of former minister M B Patil. S R Patil, the 73-year-old former minister identified with Opposition leader Siddaramaiah, has functioned effectively, and the December 13-24 winter session in Belagavi is likely to be his last one.

Interestingly, Shivakumar's supporter Mantar Gowda, son of former minister A Manju of BJP, is the candidate for Kodagu, and Dinesh Gooligowda, who was officer on special duty to Cooperation Minister S T Somashekar till recently, is named for Mandya.

"What is their contribution to the party? This will hurt grassroots workers," remarked a second-rung leader.

Meanwhile, supporters of Shivakumar have questioned the credibility of candidates such as B Somashekar, the Chitradurga candidate and supporter of Siddaramaiah. Dissidence over ticket distribution is already brewing.

Interestingly, MLA Lakshmi Hebbalkar's brother Channaraja Basavaraja Hattiholi was selected for Belagavi. For Mysuru-Chamarajanagar dual seat, the party dropped incumbent MLC R Dharmasena's name, and instead, declared Dr D Thimmaiah as its candidate. Sources said that Dharmasena backtracked as he wants to contest the 2024 LS polls from Chamarajanagar, reserved for SC. KPCC working president Saleem Ahmed will contest from Hubballi-Dharwad-Gadag-Haveri dual seat. The Tumakuru candidate is Siddaramaiah supporter and rebel Congress leader K N Rajanna's son Rajendra. The party has fielded Bhimrao B Patil from Bidar, ML Anil Kumar from Kolar and Yousuf Shariff from Bengaluru Urban.

Kondaiah's 1999 sacrifice for Sonia Gandhi pays off

Releasing the list, Shivakumar clarified that since S R Patil is a veteran, a decision was taken at the state level not to field him again. "It doesn't mean we will leave him in the lurch, we have another strategy," he remarked.

On K C Kondaiah getting the ticket, despite opposition in Ballari, Shivakumar clarified that his seniority and sacrifice of Ballari Lok Sabha seat in 1999 for AICC President Sonia Gandhi, had held him in good stead.

He claimed that active party workers have been given "opportunities" and defended the candidature of Mantar Gowda and Gooligowda. "It is inevitable when fielding candidates for Rajya Sabha and Council polls, and has become the norm in all parties," he said.

> **I am shocked not to find my name in the candidate list. I never expected that I would be left out. It will take time to digest this news. I will not blame anyone in the party. I will continue to work for the Congress**
>
> SR Patil, senior Congress leader and former minister

EYE ON ASSEMBLY SEATS

MLCs Gopalaswamy from Hassan, who is eyeing Shravanabelagola assembly seat, chief whip M Narayanaswamy of Bengaluru City who wants contest from KR Puram, Vijay Singh of Bidar who is expected to contest from Basavakalyan, and Raghu Achar from Chitradurga who also wants to switch to an assembly seat, have decided not to contest Council polls. Former Council chairman Pratap Chandra Shetty has decided to quit active politics.

OTHERS WHO MADE IT

Kalaburagi: Shivananda Patil Martur
Uttara Kannada: Bhimanna Naik
Raichur: Saranagouda Annadanagouda Patil
Shivamogga: R Prasannakumar
Dakshina Kannada: Manjunath Bhandari
Chikkamagaluru: A V Gayathri Shanthegowda
Hassan: M Shankar
Bengaluru Rural: S Ravi
Ballari: C Kondaiah

KPCC chief DK Shivakumar poses with KPCC working president Saleem Ahmed who will contest the MLC polls from Hubballi-Dharwad-Gadag-Haveri consituency, in Bengaluru on Monday. Former minister Ramalinga Reddy looks on | EXPRESS

Party will expel those contesting as rebels: DKS

KALABURAGI: KPCC president DK Shivakumar on Monday warned that those workers who will contest as rebels against the party's official candidates in the Council elections will be expelled from the Congress. Speaking to the media here, he urged all Congress leaders and workers to work hard for the victory of the party candidates. Claiming that there were no factions in the Congress, Shivakumar said, "There is only one faction and that is Sonia Gandhi faction." He said that the State Government should conduct a high-level probe into the letter by the President of Contractors Association to the Prime Minister alleging that 2% of the contract amount was being paid to the MPs for the works allotted to them. "The PM should order for an impartial probe... otherwise he too has to face the blames," Shivakumar said. He said a Congress delegation with meet Governor Thaawarchand Gehlot after filing nomination papers for the December 10 Council polls and brief him about the corrupt practices of the State Government. Shivakumar demanded that the government immediately compensate those farmers who have lost their crops to the untimely rains. **ENS**

'Young' Ravi sure of BJP win in 15 seats

SHIVAMOGGA : BJP national general secretary **CT Ravi** on Monday said that the party will emerge victorious in 15 of the 20 seats it is contesting in the December 10 MLC polls. Ravi said, "Former CM BS Yediyurappa is of the opinion that BJP will win in 13 seats. As a young leader, my expectation is more." Reacting to former CM Siddaramaiah ridiculing BJP's Jan Swaraj Yatra, Ravi said the former's remarks against the BJP and PM Modi is an insult to democracy. He said several pre-poll surveys indicate a BJP win in the five Assembly elections to be held in 2022. Ravi said that Modi announced the repeal of the three farm laws to put brakes on those who were conspiracy to destabilise the nation. He said the move has nothing to do with Assembly polls in five states.

Suspense ends: Lakhan to file papers as independent

NAUSHAD BIJAPUR @ Belagavi

THE last day of filing of nomination papers for the forthcoming elections to Belagavi local bodies constituency on Tuesday will be action-packed as all the three popular candidates — Independent **Lakhan Jarkiholi**, Mahantesh Kavatgimath (BJP) and Channaraj Hattiholi (Congress) — will hold three separate processions before filing their papers in Belagavi.

According to sources, Lakhan's supporters are expected to come in hundreds of vehicles from different parts of Belagavi district as a show of support.

A large number of the members of various local bodies also will join Lakhan's procession which will commence at noon from the Sardar Grounds. The Jarkiholi brothers are making all out efforts for Lakhan's victory by getting all their supporters in various local bodies to unite in favour of their brother. A large section of BJP members who identify themselves with MLAs Balachandra Jarkiholi and Ramesh Jarkiholi in the local bodies of Belagavi district are expected to rally behind Lakhan if the way both the MLA brothers of Lakhan are working out their political strategies are any indicators. Lakhan in fray may jeopardise the chances of Hattiholi, who is the brother of MLA Laxmi Hebbalkar. The Jarkiholi brothers have fielded Lakhan mainly to ensure Hattiholi's defeat rather than winning the polls, sources said.

Several top Belagavi Congress leaders will join party candidate Hattiholi in his rally. For the dual-member Belagavi local bodies constituency, the Congress has fielded only one candidate. Several aspirants for the party tickets who missed it will also join Hattiholi's rally.

Sitting MLC Mahantesh Kavatgimath, the BJP candidate in the fray, will also be heading to filing his nomination along with his supporters in a rally in the afternoon.

NO EXPENDITURE CAP FOR COUNCIL POLLS, MLCs OPT OUT

DEVARAJ B HIREHALLI
@ Bengaluru

THE Legislative Council election is not for the ordinary citizen. A number of incumbent MLCs are not ready to contest the December 10 elections to the Council again, wary of the huge expenditure involved, and rivals with deep pockets or those backed by bigwigs. At least ten MLCs have shown no interest to contesting the elections again.

As there is no cap on expenditure, candidates with good financial backing are likely to break limits and upset the playing field. The range of spend is between Rs 10 crore and Rs 15 crore. "The incumbent MLC from our party is afraid of getting sandwiched between the candidates of the two national parties, and is backing out of the contest, as money and muscle power are involved even in MLC polls," said a senior JDS leader.

The Election Commission has placed a ceiling of Rs 77.8 lakh for Lok Sabha election spending, and Rs 30.8 lakh for assembly elections for each candidate, after the Law ministry approved the 10 per cent hike owing to the Covid-19 pandemic, in October 2020. Earlier, the amount was Rs 70 lakh for LS polls and Rs 28 lakh for assembly election. The limit for Taluk Panchayat polls is Rs 50,000 and for Zilla Panchayat polls, it is Rs 1 lakh. Interestingly, there is no cap on Gram Panchayat polls, which led to the circulation of a lot of cash and offers of inducements in the last polls in Karnataka. In fact, the EC had written to the law ministry in November 2018, seeking a cap on expenditure in Council polls in the states of Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Maharashtra, Jammu and Kashmir and Telangana, which have a bicameral legislature. Five of seven national parties and 51 state parties had backed the amendment to Section 77 and Section 79 of the RP Act, but it is yet to translate into law.

"Our teams are in place to check all kinds of inducements. Police, excise, commercial tax, income tax and banks have formed a team and are keeping vigil on the illegal transfer of money," said Chief Electoral Officer for Karnataka Manoj Kumar Meena.

Economy improving, so will GST collection: CM

BANSY KALAPPA @ Bengaluru

CHIEF Minister Basavaraj Bommai on Monday expressed optimism about GST collection, and said there are clear signs that the economy is improving. "GST collection is now about Rs 1,30,000 crore. Last month, the amount collected was encouraging, and this time too, the government expects good collection. There is a clear direction on the development of the economy. Even in the state, the economic situation is improving, and several measures are being taken to improve compliance."

Bommai said the state's share in GST collection was coming in every three months. At Rs 8,259 crore, GST collection for October is encouraging and is expected to go up, compared to the rest of the country, he said. Bommai is making this statement in spite of Rs 2,000 crore revenue loss due to drop in taxes and levies on petrol and diesel. Asked about the drop in fuel revenues, Commercial Tax Commissioner Shikha C said, "We don't have concrete data so early, at least a month should pass. But GST collection is gradually going up," Shikha said. It may be recalled that fuel prices were cut in the first week of November.

BT Manohar, State GST Committee, FKCCI, said, "The end of lockdown and other Covid restrictions have had a positive impact, and increased collection. There was a hike in demand from the public due to the festival season -- Ganesha, Dasara and Deepavali -- which helped stimulate buying. There is also greater industrial production, and curtailing of tax evasion by e-invoicing and other proactive measures. The government is allowing filing of returns without late fee."

Experts said GST collection is expected to go up gradually in the coming few months and stabilise. One expert said the amnesty scheme had also helped in higher GST collection.

Bommai hears grievances of farmers in Kolar

V VELAYUDHAM @ Kolar

FARMERS of Kolar are hopeful of getting adequate compensation for the crops they lost as Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai, during his visit to Kolar and Hoskote on Monday, heard the grievances of farmers in person.

Bommai began his visit to flood-affected areas from Hoskote where he went to a few farms in Varadapura and gathered information about rain-related damage.

He visited fields growing different varieties of crops. In Kolar district, he met Appanna, who has lost his ragi crop, in Narasapur, and he spoke to Jagdeesh and Vanajamma who had grown flowers at Chowdadenahalli. He interacted with Yesodhamma, who has grown ragi and groundnut, and also visited a farm where tomato crop was damaged in Kalavamanchalli.

After Appanna narrated his ordeal, Bommai told him that appropriate compensation would be provided and instructed officials to submit a report on the Parihara website.

A flower farmer said that while he lost the crop this time because of rain, he suffered losses last season because of low prices. Bommai asked officials to get details as to how many hectares of land had been taken up for flower farming and to submit a report.

District in-charge minister Munirathna, MP S Muniswamy Deputy Commissioner Dr Selvamani, Superintendent of Police D Kishore Babu and other officials were present. Kolar and Chikkaballapur, which are known as lake districts, witnessed heavy rain after almost 20 years, destroying ragi, tomato and flowers crops.

CM Basavaraj Bommai interacts with chrysanthemum cultivators whose crop was damaged in the recent untimely rains in Kolar district on Monday | EXPRESS

> **80 houses have been completely damaged, while 790 houses partially. A woman in Srinivasapura was washed away. Her family will be compensated suitably**
>
> Basavaraj Bommai, CM

Bommai said that he also visited a number of farms in Hoskote. He added that the preliminary report by the Kolar deputy commissioner stated that agricultural crops in 48,333 hectares, horticultural crops in 6,966 hectares, 189 km of roads across and 34 bridges were damaged.

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₹1L for partially damaged houses

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THE NDRF fund has provisions to grant compensation for damage to standing crops and houses, he said and added that the government is now considering whether relief can be given even for agricultural produce that had already been stored.

Officials will release Rs 1 lakh immediately to take up the reconstruction of damaged houses. Later, up to Rs 5 lakh can be released in three phases. Partially damaged houses will get Rs 1 lakh, the CM added.

The breached Muduvadi lake in Kolar district | KPN

POLITICAL MATH

As 2023 looms, parties look to appropriate Kanakadasa's legacy

People pay tributes to saint Kanakadasa on the occasion of Kanakadasa Jayanti in Bengaluru on Monday | NAGARAJA GADEKAL

BANSY KALAPPA @Bengaluru

THOUGH the election code of conduct managed to mute Kanaka Jayanti celebrations on Monday, there is a strong undercurrent, with the BJP, Congress and JDS seeking to appropriate a lion's share of poet-saint Kanakadasa's legacy. In the run-up to the 2023 Assembly polls, every vote counts.

While the BJP takes credit for declaring Kanaka Jayanti a public holiday, it was Siddaramaiah -- then in the Janata Party and now in the Congress— who organised the 500th birth anniversary celebrations of Kanakadasa as a public event, for the first time in 1988-89. The then chief minister was S R Bommai, father of present CM Basavaraj Bommai.

"It was the first time we had celebrated the 500th anniversary of Kanaka Jayanti in the late eighties," said Siddaramaiah, one of the tallest leaders of the Kuruba community, which is the largest constituent of backward communities. He has never looked back since, and the community has largely supported him across the length and breadth of Karnataka, where they are spread evenly, unlike Lingayats who are predominant in North Karnataka, and Vokkaligas who dominate South Karnataka.

Congress leader HM Revanna said his party started Kanaka Adhyayana Peetha, and held symposiums and seminars to popularise his teachings in colleges. Minister K S Eshwarappa, BJP's tallest Kuruba leader, said, "We don't want to misuse the name of Kanakadasa. But it will be good for people to understand what he said, *'Kula, Kula, Kula Yendu Hodeda Bedira'*. Many people speak of caste, and it will be a great learning for present-day politics which depends so much on caste."

> **Successive governments have helped develop Kanakadasa's Janmabhoomi in Shiggaon, which is CM Bommai's constituency, and his Karma Bhoomi in Kaginele as important heritage centres**
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> Bandeppa Kashempur, former minister

If the Congress and BJP are at the forefront, can the JDS be far behind? Former minister Bandeppa Kashempur, the Kuruba face of JDS, had during the 20-20 government in 2006, contributed Rs 3 crore to the Kaginele Abhivruddi Pradhikara. "Successive governments have helped develop Kanakadasa's Janmabhoomi in Shiggaon, which is CM Bommai's constituency, and his Karma Bhoomi in Kaginele as important heritage centres," Kashempur said.

A 17-year-old girl ended her life by hanging at her house at Chikkasandra in Soladevanahalli on Monday. Raskshitha is the daughter of Krishnappa and Varamahalakshmi. She was a PU student at a private college. No suicide note was found

HARD AT WORK

The Metro construction work going on in full swing on the Bannerghatta Road near Jayadeva Hospital | ASHISHKRISHNA HP

Top cop invites suggestions for new parking policy

DONNA EVA @Bengluru

CITY Police Commissioner Kamal Pant invited suggestions for a new parking policy that is currently under consideration by the State Government. The policy aims for a major overhaul of the parking scene in the city.

Pant asked netizens for suggestions on how to implement a proper parking system in Bengaluru. The city has had numerous issues with poor designated parking spaces as well as illegal parking. Residents all over Bengalruu have complained about the lack of parking spots and the blocking of roads by parked vehicles.

"The parking policy that is under consideration is the same as the one put forth by the Directorate of Urban Land Transport (DULT). It outlines a lot of new mechanisms which designate where parking is allowed and not permitted and other provisions for parking in Bengaluru," Pant told TNIE.

Titled Parking Policy 2.0, the draft policy was put forth by DULT and approved by the government in February. While there has been no set date for when the policy will come into effect, Pant said that it was still in the early stages of deliberation.

If passed, the policy will strive to turn Bengaluru's chaotic parking scene into one that in organised. The policy outlines plans for designated parking areas as well as charging for parking around Bengaluru. It details the need for parking permits, where citizens can pay for parking on an annual basis as well as proper enforcement and implementation of parking laws.

Passengers force Rlys to run train to Howrah

Yesvantpur-Howrah Exp had been turned back from Katpadi due to heavy rain; it was run through another route

S LALITHA @ Bengaluru

THERE was high drama at Yesvantpur Railway Station on Sunday morning, after passengers who boarded a train the previous night to Howrah in Kolkata, were sent back to the originating station as Chennai Railway Division refused passage for the train beyond Katpadi Junction, citing heavy rain. The Bangalore Railway Division had to create a tight security cordon at Yesvantpur station to pacify irate passengers, and was finally forced to run the train to Howrah through another route.

According to a reliable source, the Yesvantpur-Howrah Express (Train no. 12864) departed from Yesvantpur at 7.35pm Saturday and reached Katpadi around 12.30am (early Sunday). "Due to unprecedented rain in Tamil Nadu and Andhra Pradesh, and in the interest of the passengers' safety, Chennai Division wanted the train to be reversed to Bengaluru. So the train was brought back to Yesvantpur," he explained.

Passengers were upset over being brought back to Bengaluru, said another source. "We were alerted about their frame of mind by our staff before Yesvantpur railway station. A cordon of Government Railway Police and Railway Protection Force was already on Platform 1 when the train reached."

Passengers argue with the railway police at the Yelahanka railway station | EXPRESS

The passengers raised angry slogans and threatened railway staff, the source added. "The train was sent back only to ensure their safety, or they might have got stranded somewhere in rain."

Divisional Railway Manager, Bangalore Division, Shyam Singh told TNIE, "We sent a Divisional Commercial Manager early in the morning to take care of all refunds. Special counters were opened and tickets refunded in full, including those who had booked online," he said.

Another source said that nearly 400 passengers who left the station for their homes in the morning returned to the station at 9am, and demanded that another train be run to Howrah. "The vociferous demands forced Railways to run the same train (Train no. 12864) at 1.30pm on Sunday, bypassing Katpadi, and running it via Vijayawada," a source said.

DRM Singh added, "Special counters were opened to issue new tickets for passengers who wanted to travel by the afternoon train.

Six arrested for abducting student

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru

ANNAPURNESHWARINAGAR police have arrested a gang of six, including two BPO employees and three students, for kidnapping a student and demanding ransom.

The arrested are Prajwal, Deepu and Anik Kumar. The students are minors and are residents of Sunkadakatte.

A senior police officer said the gang had kidnapped Abhishek (19), on Saturday. He is a student at a private college and works part time in a real estate agency. Abhishek used to carry cash belonging to his office and after noticing this, one his classmates hatched the plan to abduct him and demand Rs 10 lakh.

The accused covered their faces with monkey caps and abducted Abhishek near the BDA complex when he was returning home in a car. They also threatened him at knife point and forced him to drive the car towards Tumakuru Road, Devanahalli and Dobbespet.

The gang snatched cash of Rs 50,000 before forcing him to sign on a e-stamp paper stating that Abhishek had borrowed Rs 10 lakh from them and will return it in three months. Later, they called Abhishek's father and demanded Rs 10 lakh in ransom for his safe release. His father transferred Rs 45,000 to Abhishek's account which the accused withdrew from ATMs. The father convinced the accused that he needed some time to arrange more money since he works as an auto driver, the police officer added.

On Sunday, the accused dropped Abhishek near his house and returned the car. Meanwhile, the family approached the police and filed a complaint. The police recovered two mobile phones, e-stamp paper and Rs 30,000 from them.

Man killed, daughter held

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru

A 46-year-old man was murdered at his house in Attur near Yelahanka by four armed youths on Sunday night. The victim was working as a receptionist at an agriculture university in the city and has two daughters.

A senior police officer said soon after the incident came to light, the police detained the assailants and the minor daughter of the victim for interrogation. The incident came to light around 1.30 am. His daughters told their neighbours that their father was attacked by a gang and that they found the body lying in a pool of blood and alerted the Yelahanka New Town police. Preliminary investigation revealed the involvement of the elder daughter.

The family hails from Bihar and the victim's wife had gone there a few days ago. The elder daughter alleged that she had been molested by her father repeatedly and even her mother was aware of this. The couple had fought over this and were not on good terms, a senior police officer said.

The girl recently told her friend and classmates about her ordeal. They came to the house on two-wheelers and attacked him with weapons. All of them are minors, police said.

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PUBLIC NOTICE
CHANGE OF NAME

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **RAGHUTHMAI C G**, Residing at No.136, Bhavabhodha Kuteera, Near Mahaveer Galaxy Apt, Sunkana Palya, Kengeri, Bengaluru - 560060, have changed my name to **RAGHOTHAM C G** vide affidavit dated 20/11/2021, sworn before notary M.K. Devaki, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **PAPPURAM** S/o **Nanak Ram** Aged about 46 Years, R/at No. 91/1, 2nd Main Road, Kumbalagoodu Bangalore-560060 have changed my name to **PAPPU KUMAR** vide affidavit dated:20/11/2021 Before Notary **Shaik Mahaboob** Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **MUHIB MOIDIN KADAR**, Resident of No. 17-13-1069/19, Universal Apartment, Flat 03, 2nd Floor, Kaprigudda New Road, Attavara, Mangalore - 575 001, Karnataka, India, hereby declare that I have changed my name from **MUHIB** to **MUHIB MOIDIN KADAR** vide affidavit dated 20.11.2021 sworn to before Ramachandrappa C., Advocate & Notary Public, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, (OLD NAME) VIPUL LAXMAN GARDE, S/o Laxman Gardi, residing at No. 195, Malavadi Ambi Bu, Ambi BK, Moragon Pune Baramali Maharashtra-412304, have changed my name from **(OLD NAME) VIPUL LAXMAN GARDE** to **(NEW NAME) VIPUL LAXMAN GARDI** vide affidavit Dated 22/11/2021 sworn before Notary B.M.Chandrashekar, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **HELEN ALEX**, Resident of No. 50, SF 2, SJ Spruce Dwelling, 7th Cross, Patel Pillai Gowda Layout, Ramachandrapura, Jalahalli, Bengaluru - 560 013, Karnataka, India, hereby declare that I have changed my name from **HELEN ALEX ALEXANDER** to **HELEN ALEX**. vide affidavit dated 20.11.2021 sworn to before Ramachandrappa C., Advocate & Notary Public, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, (OLD NAME) MOHAMMED IFTHEKAR, residing at No.3, Iconic Regency 3/7 TF02 2nd Main Road, Kacharakanahalli, St. Thomas Town, Bengaluru-560084, have changed my name to **(NEW NAME) MOHAMMED IFTHEKAR ALI** vide affidavit Dated 19/11/2021 sworn before Notary B.S.Padma Prasad, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **ANUE ALEX**, Resident of No. 50, SF 2, SJ Spruce Dwelling, 7th Cross, Patel Pillai Gowda Layout, Ramachandrapura, Jalahalli, Bengaluru - 560 013, Karnataka, India, hereby declare that I have changed my name from **ANUE ALEX ALEXANDER** to **ANUE ALEX**. vide affidavit dated 20.11.2021 sworn to before Ramachandrappa C., Advocate & Notary Public, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
WE, ASHWATI PARAMESHWAR and **JAIDEEP BHATIA,** of 3 Cornwell Rd, Bangalore-560025, announce that our Daughter Born Sep 7, 2014 will henceforth be known as **AKSHIKA PARAMESHWAR BHATIA** instead of **AKSHIKA BHATIA** vide affidavit Dated Nov 16, 2021 signed in the presence of Mr. Gangaraju B.N., Notary.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **YOGESHA NANJEGOWDA** R/at Gudehosahalli Village, Hoonakere Hobli, Nyamanahalli Post, Nagamangala Taluk, Mandya -571432 have changed my name to **YOGESH GUDEHOSAHALLI NANJEGOWDA** vide affidavit dated:17/11/2021 Before Notary **Anitha Bai** Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, (OLD NAME) KUMARA A.P, residing at No. 13, Flat No. 001, 1st Cross, 2nd Main BHEL Layout Main Road, Kenchenahalli, Rejeshwari Nagar, Akshaya Palace Bangalore-560098, have changed my name from **(OLD NAME) KUMARA A.P** to **(NEW NAME) KUMAR A.P** vide affidavit Dated 22/11/2021 sworn before Notary K.C.Shashikala, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **SACHIN DEV TILAK** S/o **Ramesh M** R/at No.129, Ground Floor, 6th Cross, VHBS Layout, GKW Layout Vijayanagar, Bengaluru-560040, have changed my name to **SACHINDEV THILAK** vide affidavit dated:22/11/2021 Before Notary **H.S.Sakalesh Aradhya** Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, (OLD NAME) NANJUNDESHWARA PATIL, No.13649970K Rank MTS(G), residing at DGAQA Alisda Complex, Qtr No. 4, 'B' Block, R.T.Nagar Main Road, Bangalore-560032, have changed my name from **(OLD NAME) NANJUNDESHWARA PATIL** to **(NEW NAME) NANJUNDESHWAR PATIL** vide affidavit Dated 28/07/2021 sworn before Notary Sivakumara.M.N, Bangalore.

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(A GOVERNMENT UNDERTAKING) No.Mktg.1812021
SANTARAPUR, BHUBANESWAR-751002 Date.20.11.2021
E-Mail: mdosscltd456@gmail.com, Website: http/www.osscltd.in

TENDER CALL NOTICE FOR DISPOSAL OF NON SEEDS DURING 2021-22.

CAD-1944: Sealed tenders are invited in prescribed format only from intending tenderers for disposal of non seeds available at Bhubaneswar, Berhampur, Bargarh, Balasore, Bhawanipatna, Boudh, Cuttack and Jeypore Zone of OSSC Ltd, as per the details attached with the tender schedule. The tender papers and other details can be downloaded from the website of OSSC Ltd i.e. www.osscltd.in on any working day from 10.00 A.M to 5.30 P.M. during the period from 25.11.2021 to 15.12.2021.

Sd/- Managing Director
OSSC Ltd.
OIPR- 01045/11/0022/2122

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, RWS&S DIVISION, KENDRAPARA.
At : Ichhapur, Post : Shree Baladevjew, Email: eerwsskendrapara@gmail.com
INVITATIONS FOR BIDS (IFB) [e-Procurement]
Bid Identification No. RWS/ 57 /2021-2022
Letter No 5821 / Dated 10.11.2021

O-976

1 The Executive Engineer, RWS&S Division, Kendrapara on behalf of Governor of Odisha invites lump sum **urgently** bid in **DOUBLE** cover system in **ONLINE MODE** from eligible contractors for Rural Piped Water Supply Schemes in Kendrapara District.

2	Name of the work	:	Execution of 40 LPCD Retrofitting RPWS Scheme to **Khamol** under Derabish Block in Kendrapara District.
3	No. of Work	:	01 No.
4	Value of the Work	:	₹ 348.17 Lakhs
5	Concerned tender inviting authority	:	Executive Engineer, RWS&S Division, Kendrapara
6	Cost of Bid documents (Rs.) (Online)	:	₹ 10000/-
7	Class of Bidder	:	"A" & "Special" Class
8	Period of Completion	:	12 months
9	Availability of bid documents in the website in the portal	:	From date. 24.11.2021 at 10.00 A.M to date. 06.12.2021 till 5.30 P.M
10	Last Date & Time of seeking tender clarification	:	Up to 29.11.2021 till 5.30 P.M
11	Date of Opening of Bid	:	On date. 07.12.2021 at 11.00 A.M.

The bidders have to participate in the tender through ONLINE bidding only. Further details can be had from the website i.e **http://tendersorissa.gov.in.**
Subsequent corrigendum / addendum if required shall only be appeared in the above website.

Sd/- (Er. B.K.Nayak)
Executive Engineer, RWS&S Division, Kendrapara **OIPR- 25004/11/0022/2122**

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The following borrowers and co-borrowers availed the below mentioned secured loans from **IDFC FIRST Bank Limited (erstwhile Capital First Limited, amalgamated with IDFC Bank Limited and presently known as IDFC First Bank Limited)** The loans of the below-mentioned borrowers and co- borrowers have been secured by the mortgage of their respective properties. As they have failed to adhere to the terms and conditions of the respective loan agreements and had become irregular, their loan were classified as NPA as per the RBI guidelines. Amounts due by them to **IDFC FIRST Bank Limited (erstwhile Capital First Limited, amalgamated with IDFC Bank Limited and presently known as IDFC First Bank Limited)** are mentioned as per respective notices issued more particularly described in the following table and further interest on the said amounts shall also be applicable and the same will be charged as per contractual rate with effect from their respective dates.

Sr No.	Loan Account No.	Type of Loan	Name of borrowers and co-borrowers	Section 13 (2) Notice Date	Outstanding amount as per Section 13 (2) Notice	Property Address
1	11298110	Home Finance HL	1.Raja Vijaya Bhaskarsingh 2.Babitha G	16-11-2021	INR 18,83,111.77/-	All That Piece And Parcel Of The Residential Vacant Site Bearing Site No. 159, V.p.khata No: 681/159 Pid No. 150300201700301220 Formed In Converted Sy.no. 31/1 The Layout Plan Approved By Biaapa Vide No. Biaapa/ Tp2/ Lao/ 192/2011-12, Dt. 19-03-12 And Renewed On 19/03/2015 And Released By Biaapa Vide Order No. BIAAPA/TP2/LAO/192/11-12/2656, Dated 17/10/15, In The Layout Known As "the Preserve (green Brick Enclave)" Situated At Thatamachanahalli Amanikere Village, Venkatagirikote Grama Panchayath, Vijayapura Hobli, Devanahalli Taluk, Bangalore Rural Districtmeasuring East To West: 15 Mtrs.& North To South: 10.69 Mtrs., In All Measuring 160.35 Sq. Mtrs. And Bounded On: **East : Site No. 146, West : 12 Mtrs. Road, North : 3 Mtrs. Pathway & Park, South : 12 Mtrs. Road**
2	1135307 & 1969817	Loan Against Property	1. Thammaiah Kumar 2. M Geetha	16-11-2021	INR 47,10,069.70/-	All That Piece And Parcel Of Site No. 362/a, Measuring East To West 18 Mts., And North To South 15.70 + 13.70/2 Mtrs.,in All 264.60 Sq. Mtrs. In Matadahalli Extension Layout, Bangalore, Presently Within The Limts Of Bbmp, And Bounded As : **East : R.t Nagar Main Road, West : Matadahalli Road, North : Site No. 362 South: Site No. 362/b**

You are hereby called upon to pay the amounts to **IDFC FIRST Bank Limited (erstwhile Capital First Limited, amalgamated with IDFC Bank Limited and presently known as IDFC First Bank Limited)** as per the details shown in the above table with contracted rate of interest thereupon from their respective dates and other costs, charges etc., within 60 days from the date of this publication, failing which the undersigned shall be constrained to initiate proceedings, under Section 13 (4) and section 14 of the SARFAESI Act, against the mortgaged properties mentioned hereinabove to realize the amount due to **IDFC FIRST Bank Limited (erstwhile Capital First Limited, amalgamated with IDFC Bank Limited and presently known as IDFC First Bank Limited) .** Further you are prohibited under Section 13 (13) of the said Act from transferring the said secured assets either by way of sale/lease or otherwise.

Sd/-
Authorized Officer
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Date : 23.11.2021
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It is hereby notified that, my clients have agreed to purchase the Schedule property from its owner Sri. M. Muddalingeshwara S/o late J. Mariyappa, residing at No.230, 9th Cross, Telecom Layout, Vijayanagar Pipeline, Bangalore – 560 023.

If any person/s have any manner of right, title, interest or claim or charge or lien over the Schedule property or otherwise have any lawful objection/s for sale of the Schedule property by the aforesaid owner, they are hereby called upon to file their objections in writing, along with the photocopies of documents on which they rely, with the undersigned, within 10 days from the date of publication of this notice. Objection/s received thereafter will not be binding on my clients.

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All that piece and parcel of the immovable property bearing Municipal No.14 (old No.68/1 & 71/1), PID No.45-4-14, measuring East to West 62 ft and North to South 40 ft, in all measuring 2480 Sq.ft, with a building thereon, situated at 9th Cross, Chamarajpet, Bangalore and bounded on:

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North by : Conservancy
South by : Property belonging to T.R.Seetharamaiah

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Branch: 1st Floor, Sri Hari Towers, # 59A-1-5/1, Besides Mary Stella College, Vijayawada-520008.
DEMAND NOTICE

Under Section 13 (2) of the Securitisation And Reconstruction Of Financial Assets And Enforcement Of Security Interest Act, 2002 (Act) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Whereas the undersigned being the Authorised Officer of Housing Development Finance Corporation Ltd. (HDFC Limited) under Securitisation And Reconstruction Of Financial Assets And Enforcement Of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under Section13 (12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, issued Demand Notices under Section 13 (2) of the said Act, calling upon the Borrower(s) / Legal Heir(s) / Legal Representative(s) listed hereunder, to pay the amounts mentioned in the respective Demand Notice/s, within 60 days from the date of the respective Notice/s, as per details given below. The undersigned have, caused these Notices to be pasted on the premises of the last known respective addresses of the said Borrower(s) / Legal Heir(s) / Legal Representative(s). Copies of the said Notices are available with the undersigned, and the said Borrower(s) / Legal Heir(s) / Legal Representative(s), may, if they so desire, collect the respective copy from the undersigned on any working day during normal office hours.

In connection with the above, Notice is hereby given, once again, to the said Borrower(s) / Legal Heir(s) / Legal Representative(s) to pay to **HDFC Limited,** within 60 days from the date of publication of this Notice, the amounts indicated herein below in their respective names, together with further interest @ 18% p.a. as detailed in the said Demand Notices from the respective dates mentioned below in column (c) till the date of payment and / or realisation, read with the loan agreement and other documents/writings, if any, executed by the said Borrower(s). As security for due repayment of the loan, the following Secured Asset(s) have been mortgaged to HDFC Limited by the said Borrower (s) respectively. Borrower(s) / Legal Heir(s) / Legal Representative(s) attention is invited to the provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available to redeem the secured asset/s.

Sr. No.	Name of Borrower(s) / Legal Heir(s) / Legal Representative(s)	Total Outstanding Dues	Date of Demand Notice	Description of Secured Asset(s) / Immovable Property (ies)
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)
1	Mr. KOLLIPARA LEELAVENKATA KRISHNA PRASAD (BORROWER). Mrs. PABBISETTY BHAGYA LAKSHMI (CO-BORROWER). Mr. K. LENIN KUMAR (GPA HOLDER) Loan A/c. No. 624929849	Rs.72,56,344/- as on 30-Sep-21*	08-Nov-21	**Schedule A Property (Total Extent):** All that piece and parcel of land bearing Survey No.89/1, 92/2 and 105 together admeasuring 8Acres 8.59Guntas, situated at Kannamangala Village, Kasaba Hobli, Devanahalli Taluk, Bangalore District, issued by the Deputy Commissioner **and bounded on: East:** Sy No.88 & 89/2, **West:** Sy.No.106 & 107/1, **North:** Survey No.93 **and South:** Sy.No.108 & 150. **Schedule B Property (Extent Post relinquishment):** All that piece and parcel of vacant lands admeasuring an extent of 4 Acres 26.077Guntas carved out of Sq. Nos.89/1, 92/2 and 105 all situated at Kannamangala Village, Kasaba Hobli, Devanahalli Taluk, Bangalore Dristrict, **and bounded on the: East:** Sy No.89/2, **West:** Sy No.106, **North:** Survey No.92/2, **South:** Sy No.108 & 150 **Schedule "C" property (Undivided share of land agreed to be conveyed):** Proportionate Undivided share proportionate to schedule "D" Property, of land right, title and interest in all that piece and parcel of the property described in the Schedule "B" herein above. **Schedule "D" property (Apartment Details):** A Three bedroom apartment bearing No.G-506, Fifth Floor, Block No.G of the residential Apartment Complex known as **"Urbana Aqua II"** to be built at the cost of second party on the schedule "A" Property measuring 1647Sq.feetsuper built-up area together with proportionate share in common areas, Passages, Lobbies, staircases and other areas of common use and exclusive right to use the 1 No. Of covered car parking.
2	Mr. KOLLIPARA LEELAVENKATA KRISHNA PRASAD (BORROWER) Mrs. PABBISETTY BHAGYA LAKSHMI (CO-BORROWER) Mr. K. LENIN KUMAR (GPA HOLDER) Loan A/c. No. 624929870	Rs.72,55,141/- as on 30-Sep-21*	08-Nov-21	**Schedule A Property (Total Extent):** All that piece and parcel of land bearing Survey No.89/1, 92/2 and 105 together admeasuring 8Acres 8.59Guntas, situated at Kannamangala Village, Kasaba Hobli, Devanahalli Taluk, Bangalore District, issued by the Deputy Commissioner **and bounded on: East:** Sy No.88 & 89/2, **West:** Sy.No.106 & 107/1, **North:** Survey NO.93 **and South:** Sy No.108 & 150. **Schedule B Property (Extent Post relinquishment):** All that piece and parcel of vacant lands admeasuring an extent of 4 Acres 26.077Guntas carved out of Sq. Nos.89/1, 92/2 and 105 all situated at Kannamangala Village, Kasaba Hobli, Devanahalli Taluk, Bangalore District, **and bounded on the: East:** Sy No.89/2, **West:** Sy No.106, **North:** Survey No.92/2, **South:** Sy.No.108 & 150. **Schedule "C" property (Undivided share of land agreed to be conveyed):** Proportionate Undivided share proportionate to schedule "D" Property, of land right, title and interest in all that piece and parcel of the property described in the Schedule "B" herein above. **Schedule "D" property (Apartment Details):** A Three bedroom apartment bearing No.G-507, Fifth Floor, Block No.G of the residential Apartment Complex known as **"Urbana Aqua II"** to be built at the cost of second party on the schedule "A" Property measuring 1647Sq.feet super built-up area together with proportionate share in common areas, Passages, Lobbies, staircases and other areas of common use and exclusive right to use the 1 No. of covered car parking.

*with further interest @ 18% p.a. as applicable, incidental expenses, costs, charges etc incurred till the date of payment and/ or realization.

If the said Borrowers shall fail to make payment to **HDFC Limited** as aforesaid, then **HDFC Limited** shall proceed against the above Secured Asset(s) / Immovable Property (ies) under Section 13 (4) of the said Act and the applicable Rules entirely at the risk of the said Borrower(s) / Legal Heir(s) / Legal Representative(s) as to the costs and consequences. The said Borrower (s) / Legal Heir(s) / Legal Representative(s) are prohibited under the said Act to transfer the aforesaid Secured Asset (s) / Immovable Property (ies), whether by way of sale, lease or otherwise without the prior written consent of **HDFC Limited.** Any person who contravenes or abets contravention of the provisions of the Act or Rules made thereunder shall be liable for imprisonment and/or penalty as provided under the Act.

Date: 22-Nov-21
Place: Vijayawada

For Housing Development Finance Corporation Ltd.
Sd/- (K.Ravi Shankar)
Authorised Officer

Regd. Office: Ramon House, H.T. Parekh Marg, 169, Backbay Reclamation, Churchgate, Mumbai-400020.

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to notify the General Public that my client **SRI. S. BHARATH KUMAR,** S/o. M. Srinivas, is the owner of Immovable Residential converted Sy. No.165/3 measuring to an extent of 1 Acre in land which is converted from agriculture to non-agriculture purpose in the office of the Deputy Commissioner, Kolar District, vide No.ALN.SR.01/2015-16, dated 23-05-2016 situated at Chikkathirupathi Village, Lakkur Hobli, Malur Taluk, Kolar District presently Property bearing No.634/165/3, Khatha No.151900802100120684 totally measuring 4046.86 sq.mtrs. acquired through a registered Release Deed dated 09-11-2021 vide Document No.4819/2021-22, Book-I, stored in CD No.867, registered in the office of the Sub-Registrar, Malur. Whereas, the Father of my Client Sri.M. Srinivas along with Smt.Venkatamma had filed a Suit for Partition against the other legal heirs of late Venkatappa before the Hon'ble City Civil Judge at Bangalore in OS No.53/2007 and later a Compromise Petition was filed by both the parties and the said suit was Decreed on 19-10-2010 as per the terms of the Compromise Petition. Due to our ignorance and miscommunication the said Compromise Decree was not registered in the concerned sub-registrar's office. It was purely a bonafide mistake of my client's Father. However the properties were partitioned as per the said compromise decree and all the beneficiaries of the said compromise decree have taken their shares and they are in peaceful physical possession and enjoyment of their share of properties. My client hereby state and declare that, since from the date of acquiring the above said property, he is in peaceful physical possession and enjoyment of the said property. If Any person having any objections / claims / interest etc., over the above said property, may file their objections/claims along with documentary proof to the undersigned within 7 Days from the date of publication of this Public Notice. Any objection/claims received thereafter will not be entertained.

LAWQUEST, Advocates,
No.626/97, Dr. Rajkumar Road,
II Block, Rajajinagar, Bangalore - 10.
Place: Bangalore, Date: 20-11-2021

PUBLIC NOTICE

TO WHOMSOEVER CONCERNED

WHEREAS, our clients M/s. Divyasri Technologies, Represented by its Managing Partners, Dr. A Jagadish, Aged about 61 years, Smt. H.K.Mallika, Aged about 53 years, R/at No.744, J.P.Nagar, 6th Phase, Bengaluru-560078 and M/s. Sri Ventures, Represented by its Managing Partners, Sri. K.N. Venkatesh, Aged about 59 years, Smt. Amrutha Venkatesh, Aged about 53 years, 82/1, 1st Floor, Dr.Rajkumar Road, Rajajinagar, Bengaluru 560010, had entered into a registered Joint Development Agreement with M/s MPN Builders Pvt Ltd., Represented by its Managing Partner, Sri. M. Purushotham, Having registered office at, No.19/2, 2nd Floor, K.C.D. Complex, CSI Compound, 3rd Cross, Mission Road, Bengaluru-560027 vide Doct.No.: JPN-1-05810-2015-16 in Book-I, stored in C.D.No.: JPND320 dated 07.10.2015 agreeing to develop the Schedule Property. Further our clients, to enable taking of necessary steps and commencement of construction works as per the specifications, executed a registered Power of Attorney bearing number JPN-4-00234-2015-16 in Book-IV, stored in CD No.: JPND320 on 07.10.2015 in favor of M/s. MPN Builders Pvt Ltd.

Though more than 6 years have elapsed ever-since entering into the aforesaid Joint Development Agreement and execution of registered Power of Attorney, absolutely there is no progress in the matter and there is no developmental activity.

Hence our clients have terminated the aforesaid registered Joint Development Agreement and have also revoked the registered Power of Attorney on 02-09-2021 and in the light of the losses suffered; our clients have forfeited the refundable advance amount also concerning the Schedule Property. Public are hereby notified not to enter into any transaction with M/s. MPN Builders Pt Ltd, concerning the Schedule Property, more so, as pursuant to aforesaid Joint Development Agreement and the Registered Power of Attorney. It is also notified that any such transaction shall not bind our clients and the Schedule Property.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of immovable property being converted undeveloped land bearing Sy.No.131/1 measuring 3 Acres of land (converted vide Official Memorandum dated 17.10.2011 bearing Ref.No. ALN (KH-3) SR/15/10-11, issued by the Special Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District, Bangalore) situated at B.M.Kaval village, Kengeri Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore District and bounded as follows:

East by : Sy.No.135, West by : Remaining portion of land in Sy.No.131, North by : Road, South by : Remaining portion of land in Sy.No.131.

Chaitanya and Nithyananda, Advocates
No. 88/C, 3rd Floor, 12th Cross,
Mahalakshmi Layout Main Road,
Bengaluru - 560086.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

I, **Manjula,** Residing at No.55-D, 5th Cross, Kechenahalli, RR Nagar, Bangalore-560098. I have lost my Original Registered Gift deed executed on dated: 21.08.2018 Doc No.3408/2018-19, Original Registered Gift deed executed on dated: 05.05.2006 Doc No.4265/2006-07 and Original Registered Gift deed executed on dated: 16.10.2018 Doc No.4878/2018-19 while shifting our house lost it.

If Any person/Institution has any claim or interest of any nature pertaining to aforesaid property and document, the said claims along-with Supporting document shall be filed with undersigned within 7 days from the date of publication of this Notice at the address mentioned below. Any claim raised thereafter shall not be entertained or binding.

DEEPA A.M, Advocate
KAR/474/2012
No.6, Bhumika, 80 Feet Road,
Chandra Layout, Bangalore - 560040.
Bangalore Dated: 21.11.2021

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to bring to the notice of General Public that my client **Mrs. Renu Pandey** C/o N.K. Pandey, Chanakya Nagar, 4th Lane, Opposite Big Bazaar, Saraidhela, Dhanbad, Jharkhand-828109 is intending to purchase the below mentioned **"SCHEDULE PROPERTY"** from its Owner **Mrs. Rajini S.** Wife of Late Sreenivasulu Reddy S., residing at No.09, 'Sri Sai Nilaya', 5th Cross, Rajanna Layout, Horamavu Agara, Babusapalya, Kalyananagara, Bangalore - 560 043, any person having any right, claim or interest over the schedule property may lodge their objections/claims in writing to the undersigned with documentary proof within **15 (Fifteen) days** from the date of this publication. In the event of no claim being received within 15 (Fifteen) days, our client will proceed with further transactions relating to the schedule property and no claim/s will be entertained after this period.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the residential Flat No. N-1478 (Tower N, in Block R04), BBMP Katha No. 1540/931/N-1478,12th Floor, 2BHK, Luxuary Apartment named as **"REPUBLIC OF WHITEFIELD"** formed in Survey Nos.49/1, 2, 57(P), 78(P) and 95 of Kundalahalli Village, K.R. Puram Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk measuring to an extent of 1047 Square feet of SBA, 754.60 Square feet of carpet area, 315.33 Square feet of UDS of land with one covered car parking and bounded on:

East: Remaining lands in the larger Property and Private Property, **West:** Remaining lands in the larger Property and Private Property, **North:** Remaining lands in the larger Property, **South:** Private Property.

Sd/- **T.N. GOPALA GOWDA,** Advocate
No. 138, 2nd Floor, 2nd Main,
Sheshadripuram, Bangalore-560 020.

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the public in General that my Client i.e. **Mr. SUBBANNA S.N.** S/o. Late. Nanjundappa B.S, Aged about 48 years, R/at No. 13, 9th Cross, 1st Main Road, Kamakshipalya, Bengaluru – 560079 is intent to purchase the residential property bearing **Site No. 4, BBMP Katha No. 229/4/12-1/151,** Gajanana Nagara, Hegganahalli, Bangalore City, previously Katha No. 151, Assessment No. 12/1, Hegganahalli Village, Yeshwanthapura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, BBMP Ward No. 71, (formerly Dasarahalli City Municipal Ward No. 34) measuring East to West: 76 Feet and North to South: 30 Feet, totally 2280 Square Feet, consisting of RCC Roofed Ground and First Floor residential house from one Sri. Mahendran S/o. Perumal. Which is morefully described herein and hereinafter referred to as the **'Schedule Property'.**

Accordingly, on 12-11-2021, my client Mr. Subbanna S.N and property owner Mr. Mahendran have entered into Agreement of Sale in respect of the Schedule Property.

This is further inform to the Public that, if any person having any claim, objections, or interest over the Schedule Property shall be send their objections/claims to the below mentioned address within 30 days along with all their necessary documents, otherwise my client would be complete the Deed of Sale transaction with Mr. Mahendran S/o. Perumal in respect of the Schedule Property. If any objections/claims would come after 30 days from the date of this public notice cannot be considered.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the property bearing **Residential Site No. 4, BBMP Katha No. 229/4/12-1/151, Gajanana Nagara, Hegganahalli, Bengaluru City,** previously Katha No. 151, Assessment No. 12/1, Hegganahalli Village, Yeshwanthapura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, BBMP Ward No. 71, (formerly Dasarahalli City Municipal Ward No. 34) for measuring **East to West: 76 Feet and North to South: 30 Feet, total measuring 2280 Square Feet** and bounded as follows; **East by:** Private Property, **West by:** Road, **North by:** Site No. 3, **South by:** Site No. 5

Consisting of RCC Roofed, Cement Flooring Ground and First Floor residential house with electricity, Water, Sanitary facility.

Counsel Address:
B.E. SHREEDHAR, Advocate
Office at No.15, 1st Floor, HAL Building, 1st Cross, C.K.C Garden, K.H. Road, near HCG Hospital, Bengaluru – 560027.
Mobile:9964125501
Email: sriramadvo@gmail.com

PUBLIC NOTICE

My client intends/ entered into a sale agreement to purchase the immovable property which is more fully described hereunder in the schedule columns from, its owner **SRI. R. S. RAVISHANKAR,** S/o Sri. R. Srinivasan, aged about 52 years, Residing at # 89, 17th Main Road, BSK 1st Stage, Bangalore - 50, who represented my client that he is the absolute and sole owner the below mentioned property with unrestricted rights of alienation over the same.

Any person asserting any right, title, claim and interest in respect of the below mentioned property are hereby called upon to submit their objections in writing together with documentary proof of such claim , so as to reach us at the address given below within **7 days** from the date of this publication. If no such objections are received, it shall be deemed that below mentioned property has a clear and marketable title and that none else has any right, title and interest whatsoever and my client would be at liberty to proceed to complete the transaction of sale affecting the property mentioned below.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the immovable property the residential **building consisting of Ground Floor, Bearing No.169, Situated at residential layout, formed by Bangalore Development Authority at 6th Cross, 6th Block, 3rd Phase, BSK III Stage, Bangalore-560085. Presently coming under the limits of BBMP having BBMP PID No.54-100-169 measuring about East to West 12.2 meters (40 feet) and North to South 9.15 meters (30 feet) totally measuring 111.63 meters (1200 Sq.feet)** and bounded on : **East by :** Road, **West by :** Site No.162, **North by :** Site No.170, **South by :** Site No.168.

SRI. B. A. VEERENDRA KUMAR, Advocate
No.98/3, 2nd Cross, Masthi Venkatesha Iyengar Road, Gavipuram Extn. Sunkenahalli, Basavanagudi Bangalore -560004. Mob: 9845125928.

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the general Public, that, my Client, **Mr. Deviprasad Agarwal,** is the absolute Owner of property bearing Converted Survey No. 63, measuring 1 acre 5 guntas, vide Conversion Order No. LNDC10003265, dated 09.09.2021, Situated at Hurulihalli Village, Kasaba Hobli, Nelamangala Taluk, Bangalore rural district. The said property was purchased from its seller Muddamma through registered sale deed, and the said Muddamma purchased from Janakamma, through registered sale deed dated 16.02.1984 registered on 24.05.1984, registered as document No. 73/1984-85 and the said sale deed dated 16.02.1984 registered on 24.05.1984, registered as document No. 73/1984-85, have been misplaced/Lost between 01//05/2019 to 02/05/2019, while shifting the House in Nelamangala Town, and with respect to misplaced/Lost, have lodged Police complaint on 22/11/2021, Lost Report No. 0093324/2021, before Karnataka State Police, Bangalore Rural Unit Web Portal, my client have not mortgaged the said document to any of the Financial Institution and the General Public is here by cautioned, not to deal with Schedule Property on bases of loss documents. If any of the Person, claiming right, title and interest over the property through loss documents, please file objections if any along with relevant documents within 07 days of this notice to the below mentioned address and the claims received after the specified time will not be entertained and will be treated, that **Mr. Deviprasad Agarwal,** is the Absolute Owner.

M Chandrashekar, Advocate
No. 135, Sri Rama Commercial Complex,
Halasure, Bangalore 560 008.
Mobile No. 9945302013

RAIL COACH FACTORY, KAPURTHALA

On-line bids are invited by PCMM, RCF on behalf of President of India for following items:-

Sr. No.	Tender No. / Due Date	Description	Qty. (Nos./Sets)	EMD (Rs.)
1.	17211718/15.12.2021 Pre-Bid Dt. 01.12.2021	Design, Supply and Installation of Complete Furnishing of Tejas Sleeper Coaches (5 Types)	18 Nos. 44 Nos. 105 Nos. 9 Nos. 18 Nos.	5000000/-
2.	17211465/13.12.2021	Set of Pillar Assembly for AC 3 Tier (EOG) LHB Coaches	542 Set	2000000/-
		Set of Pillar Assembly for AC 2 Tier (LHB) Type Coach	154 Set	
3.	14215008/17.12.2021	Transportation of Fully furnished Narrow Gauge Coach from Rail Coach Factory, Kapurthala to Kalka Workshop	34 Nos.	69970/-
4.	13215722A/15.12.2021	Design Supply & Installation of Liquid Argon Storage Tank along with fittings and necessary certifications in addition to existing storage system, as per Specification: MECH/M&P/3600/GM/04 (for sanction under GM Power 2021-22) (PL No. N6415433)	01 No.	99600/-
5.	16211249/10.12.2021	Grinding Wheel 180X6X22.23 MM	9652 Nos.	53790/-
6.	01211267A/17.12.2021	1- Safety Stope Plate 2- Upper Stop Plate 3- Longitudinal Stop End Plate	10179 Nos. 3165 Nos. 7105 Nos.	66750/-
7.	02211530/21.12.2021	Set of panel for EOG AC GARIB RATH Coaches	395 Sets	2000000/-
8.	05211615A/16.12.2021	Set of Pillar & Horizontal Member for LHB Coach	1181 Set	NIL

1. For details and making On-line bids, visit Website **http://ireps.gov.in.** Drawings/specifications, wherever required can be downloaded from RCF Website **http://www.rcf.indianrailways.gov.in.** Class IIIb digital signature certificate required for on-line bidding, can be obtained from licensed certifying agencies listed at **http://www.cce.gov.in**
2. Tenders will close at **14.25 HRS.** on due date and tender will be opened at **14.30 HRS.** Tenders **Sr. No. 1 to 5** will be open at RCF Kapurthala and **Sr. No. 6 to 8** will be opened at Tilak Bridge, New Delhi .
3. For queries, contact IREPS Help desk at 011-24102855, 011-24105180 or RCF help desk at 011-23378658.

Note: GST Number of RCF is 03AAAGM0289C1ZT. All the suppliers are advised to quote this in dispatch documents for the supplies made by them. **PCMM**

CORRIGENDUM

Bidders may please note the following changes against following **(1) Tender No. 17211691** Due date on **07.12.2021** for the design, supply and fitment of complete furnishing of LHB AC-3 Tier Economy Class Coaches on Turnkey basis regarding para (i) of Scope of Annexure-B to RCF-MD-PS-2021-5 Rev-I should be read **(i) Cushioning material: MCF Spec MMDTS-19020 Rev-3 conforming to fire standard requirements to EN 45545 HL3 with suitable fire barrier cloth as per MMDTS-19021 Rev-2.** instead of (i) Cushioning material: MCF Spec MMDTS-19020 Rev-3 conforming to fire standard requirements to EN 45545 HL3 with suitable fire barrier cloth as per MMDTS-19021 Rev-2. Firm may also offer silicon foam cushioning material to RDSO/2013/CG-13-Rev-01. **(2) Tender No. 05211445** Due date on **27.12.2021** Set of Console Tender Quantity 210 Set and Earnest Money: NIL should be read as **805 Set and Rs. 1,43,180.00** respectively. **(3) Tender No. 17211438** Due on 18.11.2021 for procurement of Automatic Smoke/Fire Detection with Alarm System Due date should be read **29.11.2021 (4) Tender No. 05211582** Pillar (6 types) Quantity, Due Date and EMD 13121 Nos., 23/11/2021 and 133830 should be read as **41435 Nos., 30/11/2021 and 448420/-** respectively. **(5) Tender No. 05211423** (i) End Wall for DSLRD, Due Date and Qty. 17/11/2021 and 80 Nos. should be read as **29.11.2021 and 98 Nos.** respectively. (ii) End Wall for RA Coach, Due Date and Qty. 17/11/2021 should be read as **29.11.2021. (6) Tender No. 07211721** Steel Wire 1.2MM, Due Date 12.11.2021 should be read as **25.11.2021.** **PCMM**

No. : G-RCF/122-01/Stores/098/2021-22 **Dated: 22.11.2021**

Coal India Limited

(A Maharatna Company)

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PUBLIC NOTICE

My Clients **1) Mrs. ROJA,** W/o. Narayanappa, Residing at No.35, 3rd Cross, Balakirshna Road, Ramaswamy Palya, Soonangi Layout, Maruthi Sevanagar, BANGALORE : 560 033, **2) Mrs. AYESHA BANUM,** W/o. Subhan, Residing at No.28, 4th Cross, Modi Road, D.J. Halli, Bangalore North, Bangalore : 560 0045, are proposing to purchase the Schedule Property.

All that the Piece and Parcel of the Immovable Property bearing Vacant Site **No.12,** Property **No.36/6** and **36/7,** in Katha **No.36/6/7/12,** Situated at **KADUSONAPPANAHALLI VILLAGE,** Bidarahalli Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, Bangalore, Measuring about **1305** Square Feet of Vacant Site from its Present Sale Deed owner **Mr. SAGAYRAJ.S,** Aged about 36 years, S/o. Sagayanthan.B, Residing at **No.8,** Veeranna Garden, Frazer Town, Bangalore North, Karnataka - 560005.

Any person or persons asserting any rights, title, interest or claim in the Schedule Property or any part thereof in any manner or having any claim against the Schedule Property or the Documents thereof or against the Owner/s or objecting to such sale to our client, should write to the undersigned within Fifteen (15) days of the issuance of the Public Notice with all Documentary Proof on which they are basing and asserting their rights with regards to the Schedule Property or any part thereof, after which period our client shall proceed on the basis that there are no claims of whatsoever nature with regards to the Schedule Property.

SCHEDULE

All that the Piece and Parcel of the Immovable Property bearing Vacant Site **No.12,** Property **No.36/6** and **36/7,** in Katha No. **36/6/7/12,** Situated at **KADUSONAPPANAHALLI VILLAGE,** Bidarahalli Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, Bangalore,

MEASURING

EAST TO WEST : **30'-0"** (Thirty Feet);
NORTH TO SOUTH : **43'-6"** (Forty Three Feet Six Inches).

EAST BY : Site No. 11; **WEST BY :** Site No. 13; **NORTH BY :** Property belongs to Doddaiah Siddappa; **SOUTH BY :** 20' Feet Road.

SD/- **(G.J. KARTHIKEYAN)** Advocate
JOTHI ADVOCATES AND ASSOCIATES
NO.40, PILLANNA GARDEN, 3RD STAGE, 9TH MAIN, BANGALORE : 560 045.
MOBILE: 9342 303872
DATE: **20.11.2021**

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PUBLIC NOTICE OF SALE THROUGH E-AUCTION

E-auction sale notice for sale of immovable property mortgaged to the bank under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8(6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the borrowers, guarantors and co-obligants that the below described immovable property mortgaged to the secured creditor, the symbolic possession of which has been taken by the Authorized Officer of the secured creditor on 20-03-2018 will be sold on **"As is Where is", "As is What is"** and **"Whatever there is"** condition on 08-12-2021 for recovery of **Rs.61,55,209.02** (Rupees Sixty One Lakhs Fifty Five Thousand Two Hundred Nine and Paisa Two Only) balance outstanding in the account as on the date of this notice and further interest from 01-11-2021 and other charges due to the secured creditor from the below mentioned borrowers and co-obligants.

Name and Address of the Borrower(s) / Guarantor(s) / Co-obligant(s)	**(1) M/s. Omkar Pharma Distributors Represented by Partners: (I) Mr. Shambulingappa, (II) Mrs. Hemalatha M.S.,** Kuvempu Road, Opposite Zilla Panchayat Office, Shivamogga - 577201. **(2) Mr. Shambhulingappa,** S/o. Mr. M. Chandrashekarappa **(3) Mrs. Hemalatha M.S.** W/o. Mr. Shambhulingappa **No. 2 & 3 addressed at:** "Skanda Nilaya", 6th Cross, 60 Feet Road Vinobanagar, Shivamogga - 577201.
Description of Immovable Secured Assets	All that part and parcel of vacant site bearing Site No.44, Khatha No.40/44, measuring 1500 sq. feet, situated in the layout known as Davis Estate, formed in converted lands in Sy. Nos.54 & 58, Talaguppe Village (Chinnegowdanadoddi), Bidadi Hobli, Ramanagar Taluk, bounded by **East:** Site No.43, **West:** Site No.47, **North:** Layout Road, **South:** Site No.45.
Details of Secured Debt	The secured debt for recovery of which the property is to be sold : **Rs.61,55,209.02** (Rupees Sixty One Lakhs Fifty Five Thousand Two Hundred Nine and Paisa Two Only) as per the balance outstanding in the account as on the date of this notice and further interest from 01-11-2021 and other charges.
Reserve Price / Upset Price below which the property may not be sold	**Rs.15,75,000/-** (Rupees Fifteen Lakhs Seventy Five Thousand Only)
Earnest Money to be Deposited (EMD)	**Rs.1,57,500/-** (Rupees One Lakh Fifty Seven Thousand Five Hundred Only)
Address of the Secured Creditor	**Karnataka Bank Ltd., Shivamogga Main Branch, No.5, 1st Floor, M.G.Palace, Gopi Circle, Shivamogga-577 201. Ph No: 08182-222328, 273377, Mob: 9449595534 (BM), 9740978102 (ABM)**
Date and time of opening of tenders received from public	The E-auction will be conducted through portal **https://sarfaesi.auctiontiger.net on 08-12-2021 at 11.00 AM to 12.00 Noon.** The intending bidder/s are required to register their name at **https://sarfaesi.auctiontiger.net** and get the user Id and password free of cost and get online training on E-auction (tentatively on 07-12-2021) from **M/s. e-Procurement Technologies Limited, Mr. Chintan Bhatt (Asst. Manager), B-704, Wall Street - II, Opp. Orient Club, Nr. Gujarat College, Ellis Bridge, Ahmedabad – 380006, Gujarat (India). Mobile No. 9978591888, Technical Support: 09265562818/19/21, E-mail: chintan.bhatt@auctiontiger.net**

For detailed terms and conditions of sale, please refer to link in Karnataka Bank's Website i.e.**www.karnatakabank.com**

Date : 20-11-2021
Place : Hubballi

Chief Manager & Authorised Officer
Karnataka Bank Ltd. Hubballi

THIRUVARUR MUNICIPALITY

SHORT E - TENDER NOTICE

Roc.No.2594/2021/E1 **(Two Cover System)** **Dated : 20.11.2021**

The Commissioner, Tiruvarur Municipality inviting (Two cover system) sealed Tenders for execution of **TURIP 2021-22 (BT and Paver Block Roads)** and **Kalaignar Nagarpura Mempattu Thittam (KNMT)-2021-22** fund for Conversion of Earthern surface to Paver Block work.

1. Work value Rs. 1000.00 Lakhs (9 Nos. Package works) and Rs. 413.93 Lakhs (1 No. Package)
2. Earnest money deposit : See from estimate below the Website.
3. Bid Documents can be downloaded from the website **https://tntenders.gov.in** at free cost and full details of the tender can be had from the above website.
4. Tender Date and Time

1.	Date and Time of Pre-Bid Meeting	**26.11.2021** at **11.00 AM**
2.	Last Date and Time for downloading bid documents	**30.11.2021** upto **3.00 PM**
3.	Last Date and Time for Submission of Bid document including online submission	**30.11.2021** upto **3.00 PM**
4.	Date and Time of opening of the Technical Bid	**30.11.2021** at **3.30 PM**

5. In the Event of specified date for submission of declared as holiday, Bid will be received and opened on the next working day at the same time and venue.
6. Any changes / modification in the tender will be published in the above webstie only.

DIPR / 3467 / TENDER / 2021 **Commissioner, Tiruvarur Municipality**

"சொந்தமான நமக்கு உலகத்திரும் அடைக்கிறோம், சாதனை புரிந்து சாதித்திடும் படைப்போம்"

PUBLIC NOTICE

The General Public are hereby notified that my client M/s Bhumi Constructions and Developers, having its registered office at No: 19/1, 1st Main Road, above Bank of Baroda, behind CBI Office, Ganganagar, Bangalore, Represented by its Proprietors Sri. N.R. Madhusudhana Reddy propose to purchase the Schedule Property herein from the owners Mr. Seetharame Gowda S/o Mr. Venkategowda and Mrs. Veena K.S. W/o Mr. Rajashekara Reddy, residing at No.10, 2nd Cross, Srinivas Garden, RMV 2nd Stage, Nagashettyhalli, Bangalore-560094.

Any person or persons having any claim/s on the Schedule Property or objections for the proposed sale transaction may lodge their claims / objections with documentary proof with the undersigned within 15 (Fifteen) days from the date of publication of this notice, failing which thereafter my clients shall proceed to complete the sale transaction and claims / objections received beyond the stipulated period will not be entertained.

SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of the immovable property bearing No.37 / 1C, No.37 / 1D, No.19, No.19A and No.19B assigned Corporation No.724 / 64 / 37 1C,1D / 38 / 19, 19A, 19B, (amalgamated) (formerly bearing Khata No.64 and 38, thereafter assigned Corporation No.725 / 64 / 37 / 1D / 1C, and Corporation No.728 / 38 / 19, 19A, 19B), Ward No.8, Nagashettyhalli Sub Division, Bangalore Situated at Nagasettyhalli Village, Kasaba Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk within the revenue administrative jurisdiction of Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagar Palike together with the building consist plinth area of 1 square, brick wall with mud, jungle wood doors and windows with AC Sheet roofing with water, light sanitation and including constructed in site measuring 5,100 square feet and bounded as follows.

East by: Drainage **West by:** Private Property **North by:** Private Property and **South by:** Ring Road.

Date: 23rd Nov, 2021

HCS ASSOCIATES, H.C. SHANKAR ADVOCATE LAW FIRM,
No.34, CBI Main Road, Near Sichi Sagar Hotel, R.T. Nagar, Bangalore 560032
M: 9886193498, 9845286499; Email: hcsyadhu@gmail.com

GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA, DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF ENGINEER& BASIN MANAGER, MAHANADI, BRAHMANI & BAITARANI SYSTEM, CHANDIKHOLE

Tel No. 7008277121 e-Mail: cembbschandikhole@gmail.com

"e" Procurement Notice No. CE&BM, MBBS 03 of 2021-22

Bid Identification No. CE&BM, MBBS (JPD-EPC) 02 of 2021-22

NOTICE INVITING TENDER

A-646: Online tenders are invited from the qualified shortlisted bidders for "Construction of Integrated Barrage across river Kochila near village Kuturia in Bhadrak District and across river Baitarani near village Dhobabil" of Jajpur District in the State of Odisha on EPC Contract .

Name of Work	Class/EMD /Tender Fee / Period of completion
Construction of Integrated Barrage across river Kochila near village Kuturia of Bhadrak District and across river Baitarani near village Dhobabil of Jajpur District in the State of Odisha including hydro-mechanical works, Power connectivity works, road connectivity, staff quarters including survey, investigation, Planning, design and estimate of all components with operation and maintenance of the project for a period of five years or five flood seasons whichever is more after successful commissioning of the project.	(1) Class – Super Class or equivalent Bidders. (2) EMD– Only the Bid Security Declaration to be furnished instead of EMD / Bid Security, otherwise his/her tender will be nonresponsive. (3) Tender Fee-Rs 10,000/- to be transferred online (Non Refundable) (4) Period of Completion - 30 Calendar months including rainy season

A.	PERIOD OF AVAILABILITY OF BIDDING DOCUMENT.	**Dt. 24/11/2021 from 10.00 AM to Dt. 23/12/2021 up to 5.00 PM**
B.	DATE, TIME & PLACE OF PRE-BID CONFERENCE	**Dt. 08/12/2021 at 11.00 AM** Office chamber of the CE&BM, MBBS, Chandikhole in virtual mode through Google meet.
C.	LAST DATE AND TIME FOR RECEIPT OF BIDS	**Dt. 23/12/2021 up to 5.00 PM**
D.	PLACE OF SALE, RECEIPT OF BIDS	Online through e-procurement.
E.	TIME AND DATE OF OPENING OF TECHNICAL BID	**Dt. 24/12/2021 at 11.00 AM**
F.	PLACE OF OPENING OF BIDS	Office chamber of the CE&BM, MBBS, Chandikhole.
G.	Further details can be seen from e-procurement portal **"https://tendersodisha.gov.in"**	

Sd/- (Er. Chandeswar Behera)
Chief Engineer & Basin Manager,
Mahanadi, Brahmani & Baitarani System,
Chandikhole OIPR-32415/11/0005/2122

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Union Bank of India

NELAMANAGALA BRANCH
Address : MSS Complex, Opp Sharada Hospital, Paramana Layout, Nelamangala,
Phone No. 7259668715, E-mail: cb715@corpbank.co.in

DEMAND NOTICE

UNDER SEC.13 (2) SARFAESI Act 2002

Enforcement of security interest Action Notice-In connection with the credit facilities enjoyed by the following borrowers with in the branches mentioned herein below-classified as NPA

We have to inform that you the following borrowers whose name and address [each borrower] and the name of the branches where you have availed the credit facilities offering the properties mentioned herein below. Since you have failed to repay the loan amounts as agreed by you, your following mentioned account/s has/have been classified as Non Performing Assets [NPA] as on the date mentioned herein below. The individual notice has been also already sent to, each of you demanding the due amount.

1. Name and Address of the Borrower/Co-Borrower/Mortgagor/Guarantor: (1) Mr. H.Ramakrishna S/o Hanumaiah, No.43, KS No. 7435/43 at Vajarahalli Road, Nelamangala-562123, **Co-Applicant : Mrs. Lakshmidevi** W/o H.Ramakrishna, No.43, KS No. 7435/43 at Vajarahalli Road, Nelamangala-562123.

Facility/Loan	Limits	Outstanding as on : 08.09.2021
CHOME-560631000247090	Rs.15,00,000	Rs.11,90,706/-

Amount Outstanding : as on 08.09.2021, of **Rs.11,90,706/-** (Rupees Eleven Lakhs Ninety Thousand Seven Hundred Six only) together with interest.

NPA Date : 31.08.2020 **Demand Date : 08.09.2021**

Description of the Secured Assets : Equitable mortgage of Property : All that piece and parcel of immovable property consisting of residential house having GF, FF and SF in site area of 1444.53 Sq.ft having plinth area of 2042.25 sq.ft on site No. 43 Khatha No. 7435/43 at Vajarahalli Road, Bairaveswaranagar, Nelamangala-562123. Bounded on : East by : Private Property, West by : Road, North by: Road, South by : Site No. 44.

2. Name and Address of the Borrower/Co-Borrower/Mortgagor/Guarantor: (1) Mr.Boregowda.B.J S/o Javare Gowda, No.2/2, Khatha No. 1/2, Arishinakunta Village, Nelamangala-562123. **Co-Applicant : (2) Mrs. Kumari G.L. W/o Boregowda.B.J.** No.2/2, Khatha No. 1/2, Arishinakunta Village, Nelamangala-562123. **(3) Mr. Chanadrashekar.B.J.,** Nayakarahalli Karle Post, Hassan Tq, Residing in Dasanapura, Bangalore Rural, Driver Cum Conductor No.26, Depot Yeshwanthpura.

Facility/Loan	Limits	Outstanding as on : 09.09.2021
CHOME-560631000247279	Rs.6,50,000/-	Rs.6,10,902/-

Amount Outstanding : as on 09.09.2021, of **Rs.6,10,902/-** (Rupees Six Lakhs Ten Thousand Nine Hundred Two only) together with interest.

NPA Date : 01.07.2021 **Demand Date : 09.09.2021**

Description of the Secured Assets : Equitable mortgage of Property : All the piece and parcel of residential bearing No. 2/2, Khatha No. 1/2, Arishinakunta Village, Nelamangala Measuring E-W: 22 feet, N-S: 78 feet, total 1716 Sq.ft. and plinth area 900 Sq.ft. Having GF and FF situated at Arishinakunta Village, Nelamangala-562123. Bounded on : East by : Property of Mr.A.H. Shamanna, West by : Property of Narasimhaiah and Dhanaraj, North by : Property of Mr. Siddalingaiah, South : Road.

3. Name and Address of the Borrower/Co-Borrower/Mortgagor/Guarantor: (1) Mr.Puttachannappa S/o Doddachannappa, No. 5485/6A, 3rd Main Road, Chennappa Layout, B.H.Road, Nelamangala-562123, **Co-Applicant : (2) Mrs. Saraswathamma** W/o Puttachannappa, No. 5485/6A, 3rd Main Road, Chennappa Layout, B.H.Road, Nelamangala-562123, **Guarantor: (3) Mr.D.Sampangaiah** S/o Dodda Channaiah. No. 55, Nagaruru Dasanapura Hobli, Nelamanagala-562123.

Facility/Loan	Limits	Outstanding as on : 09.09.2021
CHOME-560631000246231	Rs.50,00,000/-	Rs.43,80,530/-

Amount Outstanding : as on 09.09.2021, of **Rs.43,80,530/-** (Rupees Forty Three Lakhs Eighty Thousand Five Hundred Thirty only) together with interest.

NPA Date : 30.04.2021 **Demand Date : 09.09.2021**

Description of the Secured Assets : Equitable mortgage of Property : All the piece and parcel of Property Site No. 5485/1/6A1 Sy.No. 123/1, Chennappa Layout, Nelamangala Town, measuring E-W: 28.6+22.3/2 feet, N-S: 70 feet, total 1776 Sq.ft, and plinth area 3368 Sq.ft having GF, FF Consisting of four Portions Chennappa Layout, B.H.Road, Nelamangala-562123. Bounded on : East by : Site No. 6, West by : Remaining Portion of Same property, North by : Private Property, South by : Road.

4. Name and Address of the Borrower/Co-Borrower/Mortgagor/Guarantor: (1) Mr. Siddappa.R. No. 14 and 31, Katha No.s 71/14 and 71/31, Sy.No. 69/2, Vajarahalli Village, Kasaba Hobli, Nelamangala-562123 **Co-Applicant : (2) Mrs. Kamalamma C. :** No. 14 and 31, Katha No.s 71/14 and 71/31, Sy.No. 69/2, Vajarahalli Village, Kasaba Hobli, Nelamangala-562123.

Facility/Loan	Limits	Outstanding as on : 08.09.2021
CHOME-560631000246434	Rs.10,00,000/-	Rs.2,17,200/-

Amount Outstanding : as on 08.09.2021, of **Rs.2,17,200/-** (Rupees Two Lakhs Seventeen Thousand Two Hundred only) together with interest.

NPA Date : 31.01.2020 **Demand Date : 08.09.2021**

Description of the Secured Assets : Equitable mortgage of Property : Property bearing Site No. 14 and 31, Katha Nos. 71/14 and 71/31, Sy.No. 69/2, measuring N-S: 80 ft, E-W: 30 Ft Total 2400 Sq.ft Plinth Area 1159 Sq.ft at Vajarahalli Village, Kasaba Hobli, Nelamangala-562123, Bounded on: East by : Vacant Land, West by : Site No. 15 and 30, North by : Road, South by : Road.

5. Name and Address of the Borrower/Co-Borrower/Mortgagor/Guarantor: (1) Mr. Hemanthkumar.G.B, Gudemaranahalli, Solur Hobli, Ramanagara, Nelamangala-562123.

Facility/Loan	Limits	Outstanding as on : 09.09.2021
CMTCC-560321000022728	Rs.14,40,000/-	Rs.15,10,995.61/-

Amount Outstanding : as on 09.09.2021 of **Rs.15,10,995.61/-** (Rupees Fifteen Lakhs Ten Thousand Nine Hundred Ninety Five and Sixty One Paise only) together with interest.

NPA Date : 31.08.2020 **Demand Date : 09.09.2021**

Description of the Secured Assets : Equitable mortgage of Property : Registered Equitable Mortgage of Property bearing Site No. 20, Khatha No. 808/20, Sy.No. 5/1, measuring E-W: 60 ft, N-S: 40 ft, Total of 2400 Sq.ft situated at Shivanagar, Arishinakunte Panchayath, Jakkasandra Village, Kasaba Hobli, Nelamangala, Bangalore Rural-562123, Bounded on: East by : Road, West by : Site No. 19, North by : Road, South by : Property of Others.

If you fail to repay the aforesaid sum with interest and incidental expenses within 60 days from the date of this notice, Bank shall exercise all or any of the rights detailed under sub section (4) of the section 13 of the SARFAESI Act. You are also put on notice that in terms of sub section 13 of section 13, you shall not transfer by sale, lease or otherwise the said secured assets detailed above without obtaining written consent of the Bank. This notice is without prejudice to the Banks rights to initiate such other action or legal proceedings as it deem necessary under any other applicable provisions of law. Your kind attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of Section 13 of the SARFAESI in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

Date : 22.11.2021
Place : Nelamangala

Sd/- Authorised Officer
Union Bank of India

KOTAK MAHINDRA BANK LIMITED

Regd. Off.27, BKC, C-27, G-Block, Bandra-Kurla Complex, Bandra-(E), Mumbai-400 051
Branch Office: No. 22, Kotak House, M G Road, Bangalore - 560001

POSSESSION NOTICE (For immovable property)

(As per Appendix IV read with Rule 8 (1) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002)

WHEREAS, The undersigned being the Authorized Officer of **KOTAK MAHINDRA BANK LIMITED,** a banking company within the meaning of the Banking Regulation Act, 1949 having it's Registered Office at 27 BKC, C 27, G Block, BandraKurla Complex, Bandra (E), Mumbai-400051 and branch office at Kotak Mahendra Bank Ltd, No. 22, Kotak House, M G Road, Bangalore - 560001, under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13 (2) read with rule 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a demand notice, to repay the amount mentioned in the notice within **60 days** from the date of receipt of the said notice. The Details of the Parties along with Mortgaged Property Possession taken by the Bank, is given below:-

Sl. No.	Name of Customer (Borrower(s) / Co-Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s)) along Loan Account Nos	Date of Demand Notice u/s 13(2) read with rule 9 of SARFAESI Act. Along with Amount in Rs.	Description of Immovable Property taken in to Possession (As per Appendix IV read with Rule 8 (1) of theSecurity Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002)	Date of Possession
1	Loan Account No.LAP17719458 & LAP17754845 1. Mr. B H NARAYANASWAM, No. 751, "SRI MARUTHI" 60th Cross, 5th Block, Rajaji Nagar, Near Bhasyham Circle, Bangalore-560 010. **Also at:** No.2375, 1st Main Road, RPC Layout, Hampi Nagar Vijayanagar 2nd Stage, Bangalore- 560 040 **(Borrower). 2. Mrs. USHARANI, 3.Mr. DHANA SHEKAR REDDY,** No.2375, 1st Main Road RPC Layout, Hampi Nagar, Vijayanagar 2nd Stage, Bangalore- 560 040. **Also at:** No. 751, "SRI MARUTHI" 60th Cross, 5th Block, Rajaji Nagar, Near Bhasyham Circle, Bangalore-560 010 **(Co Borrower / Guarantor / Property Owner). 4. PAVAN MAN POWER AND ALLIED SERVICES,** Represented by its Partner/s: **MR. B H NARAYANASWAMY, MR. DHANASHEKAR REDDY,** No. 751, "SRI MARUTHI", 60th Cross, 5th Block, Rajaji Nagar, Near Bhasyham Circle, Bangalore-560010 **(Co Borrower / Guarantor / Property Owner). 5. M & B Associates,** Represented by its Proprietor, MR. B H NARAYANASWAMY, No. 751, " Sri Maruthi", 60th Cross, 5th Block, Rajaji Nagar, Bangalore- 560 010 **(Co Borrower / Guarantor / Property Owner).**	**Demand Notice Date:28-07-2021 Rs. 1,52,26,202.01** (Rupees: One Crore Fifty Two Lakhs Twenty Six Thousand Two Hundred Two and Paisa One Only)	**Mortgage over following properties:** **Item No.1:** All that piece and parcel of the BDA Site bearing No. 751, New Municipal No. 751:23, Ward No.22, Rajajinagar 5th Block, 60 ft., road, Bangalore, measuring East to West 32 ft., and North to South 40 ft., and bounded on: East by: Site No. 750, West by: Site No. 752, North by: Road, South by: Site No. 706, Along with a 25 years old building consisting of ground and first floors measuring 5 squares each and second floor measuring 1 square. together with all existing building and structures thereon and building and structures as may be erected/constructed there upon any time from/after the date of respective mortgages and all additions thereto and all fixtures and furniture's and plant and machinery attached to the earth or permanently fastened to anything attached to the earth, both present and future. **Item No.2:** All that pice and parcel of property bearing Municipal No. 208, PID No. 34-67-208, formed by The Mysore Govenrnement Employees House building Cooperative Society in Railway Pipeline Scheme, situated at Hosahalli Layout, Now called RPC Layout, Vijayanagar 2nd Stage, and the layout converted into sites and said layout is converted vide Order issued by the Bangalore Deputy Commissioner, vide No. B.DIS/ALN/SR/3269, dated 12/13-11-1969, presently corporation Ward No. 34, Bangalore along with RCC Roofed , ground, first and second floor building with all civic amenities, measuring East to West 30 feet and North to South 50 feet and bounded on: East by: Site No. 209, West by: Site No. 207, North by: 60 ft Road, South by: Site No. 205, Together with RCC roofed 1000 Square feet in Ground Floor and 800 Square feet in First floor and 800 Square feet in Second Floor building, Mosaic flooring, Honne wood doors and windows with all civic amenities thereon.	19-11-21
2	Loan Account No.LAP17740295 & LAP17741832 1. Mr. KAGGANTI SATHYANARYANA SHETTY MURALI @ K S MURALI, 96, BCC Layout 2nd Stage, Chandra Layout, Banglaore - 560 040. **Also at:** No-473-1, 12th Cross, 14th Main, Padmanabha Nagar, Bangalore-560070. **(Borrower). 2. Mrs. K M SHILPA.** No.96, BCC Layout, 2nd Stage, Chandra Layout, Banglaore-560040. **Also at:** No-473-1, 12th Cross, 14th Main, Padmanabha Nagar, Bangalore - 560070 **(Co-Borrower).**	**Demand Notice Date: 28-07-2021 Rs1,71,06,673.83** (Rupees: (One Crore Seventy One Lakhs Six Thousand Six Hundred Seventy Three and Paisa Eighty Three Only)	**Property No.1: Schedule A:** All that piece and parcel of property bearing No.1448, municipal No.1448, PID No.39-117-1448, situated at 1st Stage, 2nd Phase, Chandra Layout, Bangalore, measuring East to West (18.40+19.00)/2 Meter and North to South 14.30 meters in all measuring 267.41 meters and bounded on the: East by: 2nd Cross Road, West by: Site No.1449, North by: Site No.1430/C, South by: Main Road **Schedule B:** (see below)	19-11-21

Schedule B (Sl. No. 2):

Flat No	Floor	SBA	UDS	Car Parking
101	First Floor	1488 SFT	306 SFT	One
102	First Floor	1429 SFT	294 SFT	One
201	Second Floor	1488 SFT	306 SFT	One
202	Second Floor	1429 SFT	294 SFT	One
301	Third Floor	1488 SFT	306 SFT	One
302	Third Floor	1429 SFT	294 SFT	One
401	Fourth Floor	1488 SFT	306 SFT	One
402	Fourth Floor	1429 SFT	294 SFT	One

The Borrowers having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrowers and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under Section 13 (4) of the said Act read with Rule 9 of the said rules on the date as mentioned above in **"Date of Possession"** Colum.

The Borrowers mentioned herein above in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealing with the property will be subject to charge of **KOTAK MAHINDRA BANK LIMITED,** for an amount as mention in this notice, along with future interest at contractual rate and substitute interest, incidental expenses, costs and charges etc. due w.e.f. the very next date of the status of outstanding amount date showing in the above mention details, till the date of full repayment and/ or realization. Further the borrower's attention invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available to redeem the secured assets.

Please note description of properties is as mentioned above.

Date: 24-11-2021, Place: Bangalore **Sd/- Authorised Officer, Kotak Mahindra Bank Limited**

The Tamil Nadu government has formed ad hoc Urban Development Authorities for Tiruppur and Coimbatore as a precursor to establishing dedicated authorities for those cities

Central team visits rain-hit Tamil Nadu

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A three-member central team visited rain devastated areas in Kanniyakumari district on Monday. The Members of the Inter-Ministerial Central team assessed the damages caused by rains on November 12 and 13.

The three-member team comprises Ministry of Finance Consultant RB Kaul, Ministry of Water Resources Director R Thangamani, and Ministry of Power Assistant Director Bhavya Pandey.

Visiting the photo exhibition at Kanniyakumari Guest house, the team went to Pilaipethan Anaicut at North Thamaraikulam. The members then visited Kumarakoil to inspect canal bund breach and road damage.

Kanniyakumari MLA N Thalavai Sundaram met the central team members at Kanniyakumari, handing them a memorandum. He stated that several parts of Kanniyakumari had received unprecedented heavy rains, marooning a number of localities and inundated lakhs of houses. The rains and floods caused extensive devastation and damages to the property and infrastructure.

Saying that two people were killed and hundreds of cattle lost their lives in his Kanniyakumari assembly constituency, the MLA requested the central team to make recommendation to release the funds immediately.

Kanniyakumari Lok Sabha MP Vijay Vasanth met the central team members, stating that farmers were severely faced loss owing to crops damages in heavy rains.

Workers fortify the Rayalacheruvu lake bund that was damaged in heavy rainfall in Tirupati on Monday | EXPRESS

SOUTH ANDHRA REELS UNDER RAIN, FLOODS

Rs 5 lakh ex-gratia for flood victims; crops in 8 lakh acres damaged

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LOSS of life and extensive damage of property and infrastructure took place due to heavy rains and floods in the southern districts of Andhra Pradesh including Kadapa, Chittoor, Nellore and Anantapur. State government has announced Rs 5 lakh as an ex gratia to the family of the deceased and Rs 25 lakh for the government employees who lost their lives in the line of duty while performing relief operations beside a government job to one family member.

Disclosing it in the State Assembly on Monday, Minister for Agriculture Kurasala Kannababu said agriculture and horticulture crops in eight lakh acres were damaged and to assess the exact extent of the loss, enumeration has been taken up in the flood affected areas. "Chief MInister YS Jagan Mohan Reddy has been reviewing the situation every day and the impact of the floods was discussed at length during the cabinet meeting held today. State government is taking every measure to restore normalcy at the earliest," he explained. Kannababu said that the Chief Minister sanctioned Rs 10 crore as immediate relief fund for Kadapa, Nellore and Chittoor district collectors and Rs 5 crore for Anantapur district collector.

He said a financial assistance of Rs 30, 000 will be provided to the farmers in case of the death of livestock and Rs Rs 3, 000 in case of sheep and goat. The Minister said eight NDRF and eight SDRF teams along with two helicopters were used for rescue operations in 19 places. He said there are 294 relief camps in flood affected areas and 57,969 people were evacuated and kept in relief camps.

Earlier, Chief Minister YS Jagan Mohan Reddy held a video conference with the district collectors of the flood affected districts and asked the officials to adopt humane approach and be liberaral towards flood victims. He announced an immediate relief of 25 kg rice, 1 kg of dal, 1 kg of oil, one kg of potato and rs 2000 for the flood affected families.

He announced compensation of Rs 95,100 and sanction of a new house to those who lost their homes and Rs 5200 to those whose houses were partially damaged due to floods. He said 90 percent compensation for the families of the flood victims have been paid and instructed the officials to provide compensation to the remaining families at the earliest.

Rained out? Good news for devotees

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
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IN a good news to the pilgrims who could not have darshan of Lord Venkateswara, Tirumala, inspite of having tickets due to the inclement weather conditions in Tirumala as well as in Tirupati, the Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanams (TTD) had decided to facilitate darshan for such at a latter date. Those who had darshan tickets between November 18-30 and could not make it, would be facilitated with darshan tickets which they could avail in six months.

For this, the TTD has planned a special software, TTD Additional Executive Officer AV Dharma Reddy said after a review meeting held in Annamaiah Bhavan Monday evening.

Dharma Reddy said as per the directions of TTD Chairman YV Subba Reddy and EO Dr KS Jawahar Reddy, it has been decided that the devotees who missed Srivari Darshan would be be facilitated with rescheduling darshan tickets which they could avail in six months.

He directed the IT wing of TTD to develop separate software enabling the facility by November 30. ₹₹The devotees who have darshan tickets between November 18 to 30 shall avail darshan with the same tickets in Tirumala before November 30. The devotees willing to have Srivari darshan from December onwards, shall have to reschedule their darshan date within six months by entering the old ticket number in the new software which will be available at their disposal from November 30,'' he added.

He also directed the IT wing of TTD to ensure measures that their IT infrastructure remain tact and should not go down in any eventuality.

Meanwhile, the TTD asked devotees to come for Srivari darshan without any fear.

"Due to the recent unprecedented downpour, only two suites out of 7000 rooms in Tirumala got affected. These two rooms in Narayanagiri Rest House would be repaired and put back into operation as early as possible," Dharma Reddy said.

The Additional EO said there was no damage to Alipiri footpath route but the Srivari Mettu footpath route got affected due to the damage caused to the four culverts following heavy rains. "As there is no possibility of any transportation mechanism in this route, the repair works of this footpath will take some time to be put back into use and temporarily shut down as of now", he said.

Temple town limps back to normalcy

Tirupati: The temple town of Tirupati is limping back to normalcy after a break in the rainfall activities for the last three days. The floodwater in low-lying colonies is slowly receding. Water stagnation at AIR by-pass road, DR Mahal road, Lakshmipuram circle and Padmavathi Mahila University, which were worst-hit due to floodwater, remained constant on Monday too. However, water-level has decreased in some stretches. MLA Bhumana Karunakar Reddy along with Mayor Sireesha, Deputy Mayor Mudra Narayana and others visited the flood-hit areas.

IAF chief to attend aero med meet

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@Bengaluru

THE diamond jubilee conference of the Indian Society of Aerospace Medicine will be held at the Institute of Aerospace Medicine here from November 25 to 27. Air Chief Marshal V R Chaudhari, Chief of Air Staff, will inaugurate the conference.

In the backdrop of the Covid-19 pandemic, the conference 'Aerospace Medicine: Atmosphere and Beyond', will be in hybrid mode. Around 200 participants are expected to attend online from various parts of the country and about 75 delegates from various institutes will physically attend the conference.

Professionals from the field of aerospace medicine, military and civil, aircrew, civil aviation industry and DRDO will attend the conference. The Subroto Mukerjee Memorial Oration will be delivered by Dr Quay C Synder, president, Aviation Medicine Advisory Service, on the topic -- Pilot Physician's Evolution to HIMS. Steve Roberts of Martin Baker Aircrafts Co Ltd will deliver the Air Vice Marshal MM Srinagesh Memorial Oration on 'Evolution of Escape Systems: A Safety Perspective'.

Dr Pratima Murthy, professor and head, Department of Psychiatry, National Institute of Mental Health and Neuro Sciences (NIMHANS), and Dr AK Ghosh, Scientist 'H', Project Director, Advanced Medium Combat Aircraft, Aeronautical Development Agency (ADA), Bengaluru, will deliver the guest lectures. They will also discuss social media effects on safe flying and aeromedical issues related to 5th generation fighter aircraft, the release stated.

'Decision on 3 Andhra capitals a pre-emptive move'

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THE news of the government decision was first conveyed to the high court, which is hearing a batch of petitions against the three capitals, by Advocate General S Sriram. Sources told this newspaper the decision was made as it was felt the court might strike down the three capitals legislations, in which case, the government's arguments would lose credibility. In other words, this is a pre-emptive move. It was kept a secret till the last minute this morning.

Available cabinet ministers were called for an emergency meeting when the Chief Minister was holding a review meeting on the flood situation in the State. Sources said Jagan explained to them his decision and everyone was instructed not to speak till the CM makes his statement.

There are a couple of key legal hurdles to the three capitals. Firstly, the principal seat of the high court is sought to be moved to Kurnool in Rayalaseema region from Amaravati. "High court was set up in the Amaravati region following a Presidential notification. State legislation cannot override a Presidential notification. President acts on the advice of the Union Council of Ministers," said high court advocate Umesh Chandra. Secondly, the question of compensation to the farmers who surrendered lands for Amaravati is tricky. Lands were given up after a promise by the then government that they would get pecuniary benefit in the form of commercial plots in return. That government's promise will be nullified if three capitals Acts are upheld -- which creates a livelihood problem for the farmers, the advocate said.

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Highly placed sources told this paper that Jagan had consulted top legal experts before deciding on taking a step back. The recent developments in the high court, which began daily hearing on the petitions from November 15, were a major reason. Two judges on the three-member bench possess plots in Amaravati and the government's request for their recusal was rejected by Chief Justice Prashant Kumar Mishra. The Chief Justice had also commented during a hearing that the capital belongs to all, not just the farmers. He observed freedom fighters had not fought for freedom for themselves alone. Similarly, he sought to know if Kurnool could be judicial capital if high court was in Amaravati and pointed out high court cannot be moved till a presidential notification was issued.

The sources said after taking everything into consideration, the CM decided to step back but left for himself room to manouvre politically. By announcing that he will return to the House with a better bill, Jagan has held out hope for

Rayalaseema and North Andhra regions, the sources explained, adding that "explaining to all the sections and all the regions" the need for decentralisation will mean the government could push the TDP into a corner.

The three capitals story isn't over yet. But how and when Jagan makes his next move is a million-dollar question.

TIGER RESERVES NOT SPARED TOO

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WHAT is disturbing is that wildlife crimes are high even in better-protected tiger reserves and surrounding areas. In September in Bandipur Tiger Reserve, forest officials nabbed poachers for killing a tiger. On November 18, poachers were caught after killing a deer in Nagarhole Tiger Reserve, while on June 30, poachers were nabbed with weapons at the same reserve.

Incidents of elephant electrocution too are rising. Conservationists suspect that it is because of an increase in demand for black beads (passion beads made from elephant skin after drying and shaping to make wristbands and necklaces of red-coloured beads). In Kodagu, four cases were reported in August alone, while another incident was reported from Chikkamagaluru on November 13.

Experts, forest and police officials are alarmed by the sudden rise and are under pressure to assess the new wildlife crime trends and to keep a close watch on the rising cases. "If a close analysis is done, a rough assessment can be made of what is trending and what needs to be done. For example, in African countries and in Myanmar, cases of Blood Beads have been found. But no such incidents have been reported in Karnataka or any other South Indian states where the elephant population and man-animal conflicts are high. It cannot be ruled out too, as cases of elephant poaching and deaths are occurring. But cases of elephant tail hair being used in making rings and necklaces are not coming to light. If you observe temple and even zoo elephants closely, one sees the difference in their tail hair, compared to wild ones. This shows cases are happening, but not reported," said a wildlife expert.

Chikkaballapur range forest officers have arrested 3 deer poachers who were illegally cutting deer meat in a reserve forest area near Arur village

There are also many incidents of smaller herbivores and carnivores, especially pangolins, black-naped hare and other animals, being poached.

In September, the Bengaluru police arrested two people with 11 kg of ambergris (a solid waxy substance originating in the intestine of the sperm whale, a protected species).

Ambergris is highly valued because of its rarity and demand in the perfume-making industry. In August, the Mysuru police recovered 8.25 kg of ambergris and arrested three people. A similar case was reported in Honnavar three months ago.

Postal ballots yet to be counted

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Names of the winners will be formally announced by election officer GM Gangadhara Swamy on November 24. Postal ballots (over 4,000) are yet to be counted. Meanwhile, many political leaders, including minister Murgesh Nirani, former ministers Suresh Kumar and Aravind Limbavli, wished Joshi.

In 2016, Manu Baligar had won by a margin of 20,000 votes, while this time, Joshi trounced the nearest opponent by 46,000 votes. The Parishat polls were scheduled to be held in May 2021, but were postponed due to the Covid pandemic.

Popular Front activist held for RSS man's murder

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Palakkad

A week after RSS worker S Sanjith was hacked to death in front of his wife in broad daylight at Mambram in Palakkad, the police on Monday made the first arrest. He was reportedly picked up from Mundakkayam near Kottayam. The police said he was an office-bearer of Popular Front of India (PFI) and was directly involved in the crime.

District Superintendent of Police R Viswanath said more details regarding his identity could not be revealed as it would affect the proposed identification parade and the course of investigation. Police said it was a political murder and that they have got leads regarding the persons who were involved in the crime.

Police sources said the arrested had many criminal cases registered against him. They added the main accused left the district immediately after the crime and that he was still at large.

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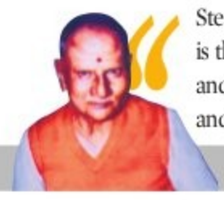

Steady faith is stronger than destiny. Destiny is the result of causes, mostly accidental, and therefore loosely woven. Confidence and good hope will overcome it easily

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THE SICKNESS THAT PLAGUES URBAN PLANNING IN INDIA

It's been raining. Raining woes. Rural India was always vulnerable to a pendulum of calamitous extremes, swinging between floods and drought conditions. Now the cities have joined in. Already bursting at the seams, Indian cities—both metros and Tier-II—are witnessing flooding with a frequency never seen before. Instead of getting smarter, they are pictures of planless squalor. Swanky high-rises, fancy bungalows or low-lying slums, none get spared by periodic deluge. The southern part of the country, hitherto considered better administered, too has signed the instrument of accession to this hell. Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Karnataka, Kerala, not a single state can claim to be honourable exceptions. Holistic urban planning has never been our strong point, at least since Harappa. So glitzy, post-modern cityscapes come up with no more thought to basic overall management of resources—water, power, traffic, waste generation—than sprawling hovels. Unplanned growth then leads to more clogging of stormwater drains and sewage lines. The catastrophe stretches from the micro to the macro level.

The two national ratings—LEADS (Logistics Ease Across Different States) and Swachh Survekshan—have indeed created some competition among states and cities to improve themselves. A few interesting effects are visible, like states previously at the bottom of the heap jumping places on parameters of logistics and cleanliness. But it's largely static. Indore remains the cleanest city (it has topped the list for years on end) and Gujarat still scores the best on infrastructure. Not much is improving by way of reforms in local urban bodies, which remain inefficient, corrupt and politics-ridden. No Indian city makes the cut in terms of being world class. Not even Delhi, which remains enveloped in a noxious smog, or Mumbai, where floods are as commonplace as local trains. It's actually incredible that we pay no heed to the signs of sickness that assail us all around. Make no mistake about what those signs tell us: it's reform or perish.

HOMEBUYERS WANT MORE FROM RERA

When the Central government brought in a law to regulate the real estate sector in 2016, homebuyers were truly on cloud nine. The Real Estate (Regulation and Development) Act, popularly known as the RERA and supported by regulatory authorities at the state level, was supposed to herald transparency and accountability in the sector mired in myriad issues. Delayed project execution and delivery, mismanagement and misappropriation of funds, the list was endless. Five years under the new regulatory regime tell us that we have had some success. Some homebuyers got justice through a few landmark verdicts, but many others continue to wait indefinitely after their cases got dragged to other courts. Many unscrupulous promoters have been weeded out, but delay and cheating-related issues continue unabated. The very fact that over 60,000 real estate projects were registered under RERA across the country as of January 2021 shows buyers have been cautious before committing their life savings.

A recent judgment by the Tamil Nadu Real Estate Regulatory Authority (TN RERA) has given life to the dreams of nearly 700 homebuyers in Coimbatore. It has appointed a committee to execute sale deeds for undivided share/plots in favour of buyers who had booked flats and villas in a Sahara Group housing project, years after the execution of the mega real estate project ground to a halt. A recent Supreme Court judgment suggested some changes in RERA to protect the interests of homebuyers. The ruling has reiterated the jurisdiction of the Act on all projects that were ongoing when the law was enacted. Many states that diluted the provisions under the Act may now have to amend the regulations to ensure that all ongoing projects get covered under it. The apex court has also made it mandatory for developers to deposit at least 30% of the penalty ordered by the regulator before they challenge any RERA order.

In the post-pandemic world, when the sector is undergoing a lot of funding problems, homebuyers are a worried lot. For many, RERA provides some comfort. A tighter regime will help the sector as a whole.

Listing day is crucial as the entire effort of a start-up is tested to the core by the market and given a price. And in that price rests the true value

PAYTM: IN IPO VALUATION, MARKET IS THE KING

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There is a time to stay private. There is a time to go public. The post-pandemic era is one that has encouraged the latter. Companies across the globe have gone public in a rather frenetic manner over the last 11 months this calendar year. A *Bloomberg* report suggests that IPOs across the globe have breached the $600 billion mark, with just about a month and half still left to close the year. Nearly 3,000 businesses across the world have gone public, gobbling up investor interest and money with a frenzy never seen before.

India equally represents a part of this frenzy with its own vigour. The recently listed One97 Communications (parent brand of Paytm) emerged as the country's largest-ever IPO with $2.47 billion, beating the public sector Coal India's IPO of 2010 hollow.

While the Paytm parent IPO was India's largest ever, it was one of the most disappointing one as well (from the perspective of investors, of course). The numbers are revealing in their own way. The issue price stood at ₹2,150. A month before its listing, the grey market was trading the stock at ₹2,300; a day before listing, it changed hands virtually at ₹2,125, got listed at a 9% discount price of ₹1,950 and closed listing day at a 27% discount. This meant that investors in the IPO, which largely included FIIs and domestic retail investors, had a haircut and a shave and more to the tune of ₹1,000 crore plus. This represented a big drop on listing day in the fortunes of all those who got in first. Those who bought in at closing time on listing day or later seem to have done it right. More or less. The Paytm stock apart, several key questions arise. And this is not about the brand at all. In many ways, it is about all the other IPOs the world has seen debut this year, and indeed about all the ones that are lined up to happen ahead.

How solid are our IPOs? How much hype is in them and how much reality? What drives valuation? Does one buy into an IPO based on its current or proposed value? And who paints this dream of what's ahead? Is the valuation of what's ahead based on a discounted cash flow system? Or is it based on a premiumised cash flow fantasy? Who puts this premium out there? Who tracks it? Have IPOs and their valuation gone rogue, pricing every IPO at its apogee point, rather than a more realistic win-win point for both investor and company alike? And will this yen erode the credibility of future IPO valuations? Has the damage already been done?

Retail investors will ask these questions less than hard-nosed FIIs, HNIs, corporate investors and domestic institutional investors. As all these questions are raised once again and answered, there is plenty of work to be done by start-ups and unicorns who want to list in the future. Importantly, the key point to understand is the fact that listing is a point of ultimate reality in many ways. The market, with its many rustic ways of evaluating a stock, knows it best. What it says might be wrong at times, but that is the reality. Reality bites a stock on listing day. Listing a blazing hot start-up on the stock market is quite like taking a piping hot pan off the stove and putting it suddenly under a tap of cold water. The pan will sizzle furiously for a very short while, and then it will be business as usual, without the hype and heat. The market has a way of cooling it all.

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A typical start-up has many avenues to fund itself. At various points of time it uses different ways of keeping it going. In the beginning, it is bootstrapped. And then, one starts diluting stake for valuations that represent different stages in the journey of the start-up. Most move from debt to equity. Every successive round of funding finds a better valuation, signifying a better business milestone as well. And the rounds of funding go on, with investors of a bigger and better calibre coming in with every successive round. The business grows both physically and virtually.

The physical growth is all about the number of customers it touches, the kind of billing it brings in, the kind of repeat transaction it depends upon and the metrics that are real and solid. The virtual growth of the start-up is the brand imagery it commands. And this is possibly where the problem lies. The hollow scores of valuation really reside in the brand and its imagery. In every valuation of a start-up that I do for potential investors, I dig deep on the brand front. And this is where I discount deeply as well. It is good to premiumise on the physical front, and it is certainly most prudent to discount on the brand image front. One is solid, and the other is at best a liquid and at worst a gas. The final frontier of funding to breach for the start-up that is a unicorn is its listing. Out here, every piece of valuation metric is tested by a diverse set of investors, each representing a piece of the market universe. Everything counts here, the physical and the virtual. Possibly more of the physical and less of the virtual.

Listing day is therefore the time when the entire effort of the start-up is tested to the core by the market and given a price. And in that price rests true value, a price that thinks beyond and behind the story. Till the next IPO then, let's keep thinking.

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NETTING A SOLUTION FOR FISHING IN PALK BAY

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During Narendra Modi's first term as prime minister, he requested his colleague from Tamil Nadu—Pon Radhakrishnan—to find a solution to the travails of the Indian and Sri Lankan fishermen in the Palk Bay region. Radhakrishnan invited a large group of Tamil Nadu fishermen to New Delhi to meet the concerned officials. Familiar with my work on the subject, Radhakrishnan asked me to assist him in the complicated task. A meeting was held in the auditorium of the BJP headquarters, where 19 representatives spoke about their problems—ceding of Katchatheevu, giving away of traditional fishing rights in and around the island, and shooting and killing of Indian fishermen by the Sri Lankan Navy. I was asked to intervene. I complimented the fishermen for their narration of events. Then I added: "None of you spoke about the most important problem that we face today. Have the Sri Lankan Tamil fishermen got the right to fish in their own waters?" There was pin-drop silence. The fishermen, then and now, do not want to face this grim reality. The meeting ended in failure.

Today, another minister from Tamil Nadu, Dr Loganathan Murugan is Minister of State for Fisheries and Animal Husbandry in the Central government. An expert in constitutional and international law, Murugan is familiar with the complexities. The Tamil Nadu fishermen go deep into Sri Lankan waters. They use bottom trawling, which does incalculable harm to marine ecology; and what is more, it is banned in Sri Lanka. On the three days the Indian fishermen go into Sri Lankan waters, the fishermen from the island nation do not come out for fishing, because their nets would be destroyed by their Indian counterparts. The waters are muddied and on the next day the Sri Lankan fishermen find it difficult to fish. If the Sri Lankan government approaches the International Court of Justice, as the Philippines did against China in the South China Sea, India's image in the comity of nations would take a nosedive.

The need of the hour is for Murugan to take firm decisions and strong actions. The fishing equipment that is prohibited in Sri Lanka must be banned by India in the Palk Bay. Fishing practices that do irreparable damage to marine ecology must be given up. Murugan's primary task is to mobilise the support of the Tamil Nadu government and make the state's fishermen see the writing on the wall. The bonds of ethnicity, language, and religion helped fishermen lead lives of harmonious coexistence for several centuries. And, what is more, fishing is an extremely important source of income for the people of Northern Province in Sri Lanka. According to the scholar Ahilan Kadirgamar, the Northern Province contributed over a third of fish catch to the island country. Fish production dropped drastically during the prolonged ethnic conflict. The ban on fishing on the Sri Lankan side of the Palk Bay, the movement of Sri Lankan fishermen to India as refugees, their working with the Indian trawler owners, and shooting and killing of Indian fishermen by the Sri Lankan Navy for their alleged involvement with the Tigers brought considerable strains in the bilateral relations.

With the end of the war in 2009, the Sri Lankan Tamil fishermen wanted to resume fishing, but indiscriminate poaching by Indian fishermen and their dangerous practices continue to be the main obstacles. Trawlers have been referred to as the "hoovers of the shelf bottom" and "bulldozers mowing down fish and other benthic species". Within a few years of their introduction, the Indian side of Palk Bay was devoid of fish; and the fishermen, for their livelihood, began to enter Sri Lankan waters. Prof. Oscar Amarasinghe of the University of Ruhuna has pointed out that the Indian trawlers could even be seen in the northeastern part of the island. The most important hurdle in finding a solution is the trust deficit. The organisations involved on the Sri Lankan side—government, Navy and, above all, the fishermen are of the view that the Tamil Nadu fishermen are not sincere. During the Norway-backed ceasefire period, the Alliance for Release of Innocent Fishermen (ARIF), led by Dr Vivekanandan, arranged a dialogue among fishermen of both the countries. For the first time, in 2004, the Indian side accepted the reality that bottom trawling must be discontinued. Seventeen years have passed and bottom trawling still continues. The second window of opportunity was provided in 2005, when in the Joint Working Group meeting, Sri Lanka, for the first time, agreed to consider proposals for licensed fishing in its waters. The government of Tamil Nadu should have welcomed it and submitted detailed proposals. The two Dravidian parties were, however, more interested in blaming one another than in finding a solution.

> If New Delhi is determined, it can create a win-win situation in the Palk Bay. If the trawlers are decommissioned, a congenial atmosphere could be created. India can transform the Palk Bay from a contested territory to a common heritage

The ball is in India's court. The government of India must take the initiative and immediately announce that the use of bottom trawlers would be stopped from the new year 2022. The damage to the Indian fishermen could be ameliorated if the announcement is followed by two steps. First, the trawlers can be used in the Odisha coast where waters are very deep. The government of Odisha could be approached for buying the trawlers. Second, New Delhi is very keen to develop deep sea fishing. Hence, the trawlers could, with certain modifications, be used as smaller fishing vessels that cater to the mothership. Fishermen are migratory and the Tamil Nadu fishermen could be persuaded to take to deep sea fishing. The success of diplomacy is to convert a crisis into an opportunity. If New Delhi is determined, it can create a win-win situation in the Palk Bay. If the trawlers are decommissioned, a congenial atmosphere could be created. India can transform the Palk Bay from a contested territory to a common heritage. The first step is to recognise that there are various stakeholders—two Union and provincial governments, the Navies and Coast Guards, fisheries departments and above all, fishing communities of the two countries. The next step should be to form a Palk Bay Authority (PBA) consisting of marine ecologists, fisheries experts, strategic specialists and government representatives. The PBA could determine the ideal sustainable catch, type of fishing equipment that can be used, and the number of fishing dates for Sri Lankan and Indian fishermen. The focus should be on enrichment of marine resources and improvement of the livelihoods of fishermen.

Highlighting the importance of good neighbourhood policy, former Prime Minister Manmohan Singh pointed out, a few years ago, that while he cannot alter the existing borders he can try to make the borders irrelevant. This rare moment of opportunity is too valuable to be missed.

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Suicide of teenage girls

News about teenage girls ending their lives because of sexual harassment is heart-rending. How many young lives should we lose before the callous attitude of the policymakers, school management and the public at large change? Is it not high time that this topic is included in the curriculum, right from the primary level? The teaching units should include briefs on inappropriate touches, advances by men, legal provisions available and mobile apps related to these issues.
P Prema, Thanjavur

Timely action by Stalin

This is with reference to *TN releases its first-ever child policy* (Nov 21). In the backdrop of increased incidents of sexual assaults against school children, the move by CM M K Stalin is timely. For implementation, the creation of the exclusive multi-sectoral advisory group with a child budget analysis is prudent so that adequate resources are well in place based on the needs of children.
V N Subramanyam, Bengaluru

Cancer of corruption

In your editorial, *Gehlot faux pas releases corruption stench in Rajasthan* (Nov 22), you have brilliantly brought out corruption in the bureaucracy and among ministers. Unfortunately, no efforts are taken to weed out this cancer from public life. It is not just about the money, corruption makes people lose their morality, honesty and self-respect.
S Retnaswamy, Chennai

Victory for democracy

While some may call it a victory for the agitating farmers, some may say that it is the triumph of the opposition. Either way, let us not forget that it is finally democracy that has won and in repealing the contentious farm bills, the Modi government has shown that it sticks to democratic principles. Even though many from the opposition have started claiming that the PM has done so keeping in mind the elections, let us, people of the largest democracy in the world, understand that the government probably learnt its lesson. By rectifying its mistakes, the government has helped settle a big dispute that had the nation on the boil.
M Pradyu, Kannur

A star in the making

The performance of tennis sensation Alexander Zverev of late has been consistent and this became more evident when the German beat Novak Djokovic in the Nitto ATP semifinal match. Zverev had clinched the gold medal in the 2020 Summer Olympics after beating the Serbian legend in the semifinals. It appears that Zverev could become a bigger star than other rising players like Daniil Medvedev, Stefanos Tsitsipas and Matteo Berrettini. On the other hand, the invincibility of Djokovic has been proved a myth with his second major defeat after he was beaten by Medvedev in the last US Open final.
A M Chakravarty, Hyderabad

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TWEETS OF THE DAY

Priyanka Gandhi Vadra @priyankagandhi
The Congress party has decided that if govt is formed, skill schools will be opened in every district for girls in the name of heroines like Jhalkari Bai Ji.

Sitaram Yechury @SitaramYechury
The loot of our national assets has intensified. Country's infrastructure is being sold "for a song" to corporates to further amass riches. Stop this loot.

Derek O'Brien @derekobrienmp
Brutal attacks on @AITCofficial. Even members of media clobbered in Tripura. Arrests on trumped up charges. 16 Trinamool MPs have reached Delhi.

In bail to Trinamool leader, court shows the rule book to Tripura cops

Says nothing on record to show that Saayoni Ghosh promoted hatred between two groups

PRASANTA MAZUMDAR @Guwahati

GRANTING bail to TMC youth leader Saayoni Ghosh, a Tripura court on Monday observed that the charges levelled by the police had no substance and added that words like *'kill them'* appear to be irresponsible comments.

There was nothing on record that the act of the accused was to promote any ill-will or hatred between two groups to prima facie make out an offence under Section 153A of IPC, it said. "On close reading of the forwarding report and the case diary in them — *'kill them', 'cancel the Mukhya Mantri Sabha', 'Khela Hobe'*. Even if the allegation of 'kill them' as said by the accused, if true and correct, such words appear to be irresponsible comments."

The term *Khela Hobe* is a catchphrase of the TMC and uttering such words is a part of the political campaign when the municipal election is in process, it said.

Saayoni Ghosh is brought to an Agartala court on Monday | PTI

> **I agree that...in order to determine an offence under Section 307 of IPC, injury cannot be the sole criteria. However, in the given case, intention or knowledge of causing death is not made out** — Judge

"I agree that...in order to determine an offence under Section 307 of IPC, injury cannot be the sole criteria. However, in the given case, intention or knowledge of causing death is not made out. The alleged act of the accused of causing death with an intention or knowledge does not prima facie points out any evidence against the accused," the judge said.

Saayoni was booked on Sunday under IPC sections 307 (attempt to murder), 153 (wantonly giving provocation with intent to cause riot), 153A (promoting enmity between different groups on grounds of religion, race, place of birth, residence, language, etc) and 120B (criminal conspiracy).

Her lawyer said the court granted bail on a surety of ₹20,000. "Our submission was that there were no ingredients of offence for the non-bailable sections of 307 and 153A to be slapped against her," he said.

The prosecution had failed to place any medical report of injury when the court asked for it, he said. "The court asked the prosecution if it collected any medical report. The prosecution said 'the case is at a very early stage'."

Derek O'Brien, Kalyan Banerjee and other TMC leaders carry out a dharna outside MHA office in New Delhi | PARVEEN NEGI

SC to hear plea on Tripura today

The TMC has moved a contempt petition before the Supreme Court over the violence in Tripura. During a mentioning, it told the court that the situation in the state is worsening by the day. The SC will hear the matter today. The party had earlier approached the SC seeking protection for its members from fake cases.

Sought report from CM, Shah tells TMC group

NEW DELHI: Union home minister Amit Shah on Monday sought report from Tripura Chief Minister Biplab Deb on police brutality allegedly faced by TMC workers.

In protest, a delegation of TMC leaders sat on a dharna outside the Ministry of Home Affairs over the alleged brutality and arrest of its youth leader in Tripura.

Shah met the delegation and told them that he has already sought a report from Deb over the issue.

After the meeting, TMC MP Kalyan Banerjee said, "We told him (Shah) in detail how our leaders were arrested and MPs were beaten up. He said he spoke to the Tripura CM over the phone on Monday and will seek a report from the state."

TMC MP Saugata Ray said the arrest of Saayoni Ghosh was wrong. The party alleged "mayhem" in Tripura as she was arrested and accused of attempt to murder.

The party had alleged that its workers were thrashed at a police station in Agartala by BJP members.

Saayoni was arrested on Sunday on several charges including attempt to murder after she allegedly disrupted a meeting of Chief Minister Biplab Kumar Deb by shouting '*Khela Hobe*' slogans on Saturday night. The actor-politician was arrested after being called in for questioning in a peaceful manner.

Meanwhile, TMC general secretary Abhishek Banerjee reached Tripura on Monday to take part in a campaign for civic elections. West Bengal Chief Mamata Banerjee is scheduled to hold campaigns for TMC candidates contesting the civic elections, to be held on November 25. Condemning the "attack" on her supporters and activists, the Trinamool chief alleged that the law and order has completely collapsed in the Northeast state. *ENS*

Didi sets tone for Delhi visit, says Centre bulldozing federalism

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Kolkata

GOING all-out at the BJP-led Centre, West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee accused the central government of 'bulldozing' federal structure of the country.

Before leaving for Delhi on a three-day trip, the Trinamool supremo said she would raise the issues of enhancing BSF's jurisdiction and widespread violence in Tripura where the Trinamool Congress is all set to contest in the upcoming Assembly elections.

"The skeleton of democracy has emerged during the BJP's rule in the country. The Centre is bulldozing cooperative federalism. I will not accept its attempt to control authority of states by using power," she said at Kolkata airport.

Mamata criticised Union Home Minister Amit Shah for initially not giving appointment to the TMC MPs, who were staging demonstration in North Block in protest against attack on the party functionaries and arrest of Saayoni Ghosh, the youth wing president of Bengal's ruling party.

"During my visit to Delhi, I will meet the Prime Minister. Other than various state-related issues, I will flag the issue of enhancing BSF's jurisdiction and violence in Tripura as well. I am surprised to see the human rights commission is not taking note of the ongoing brute force in the northeast state," she said.

Referring to Supreme Court's order asking Tripura government to ensure all political parties' activities in the state, she said, "The Tripura chief minister (Biplab Deb) and his government is defying the Supreme Court's directive. They will have to reply to common people. I urge the higher judiciary to intervene."

The TMC supremo claimed that the saffron camp is scared, having understood that common people have lost faith in it. "The BJP never conducts elections; instead they create confusion among people. That's why they are not allowing us to hold meetings in Tripura. I believe people of Tripura will give a befitting reply to the ongoing atrocities. They (BJP) will have to face the music."

Not going anywhere till all demands settled: Tikait at mega farmer event

BKU's Rakesh Tikait (arms folded) with other leaders at kisan mahapanchayat | PTI

BJP in damage control mode over agri laws

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Lucknow

UNIMPRESSED by PM Narendra Modi's November 19 announcement on repealing the three farm laws and apology, the Kisan Mahapanchayat on Monday declared that farmers won't withdraw their agitation till the Centre discusses and settles all pending issues.

The farmer leaders appear to have hardened their stance, raising new demands and linking their stir to resolution of these. "We never asked the PM to apologise. This farmers' movement has been underway for a year now. But it is not confined to the three farm laws. It also encompasses other pending demands, including MSP guarantee law, Electricity Amendment Bill and other demands," Bharatiya Kisan Union leader Rakesh Tikait declared at the Kisan Mahapanchayat in Lucknow.

"In the last one year, many incidents have happened, including over 750 farmers losing lives and criminal cases being slapped against the protesting farmers. Our demands include proper compensation to all 750-plus bereaved families and withdrawal of cases lodged against farmers, besides sacking of Union minister Ajay Mishra 'Teni' and his arrest for conspiracy in the Lakhimpur Kheri case," he maintained.

Repealing of laws won't be complete without the decision being notified in the official gazette, he added.

Reacting about local BJP's plan for inauguration of a sugar mill in Lakhimpur Kheri by the minister on Wednesday, Tikait threatened, "If he (Teni) inaugurates the mill, then the farmers will put the sugarcane at the district magistrate's office...All those who have murdered the farmers are terrorists for us and should be lodged in the same jail."

MANISH ANAND @ New Delhi

WITH the government set to bring repeal the contentious farm laws, the BJP is bracing to control the damage amid apprehension that the Opposition would further mount pressure for poll dividends.

While the government isn't likely to engage with the farmers' unions on additional demands, the BJP-ruled states will carry forward the agrarian reform on the lines of the land acquisition policies adopted after an ordinance was allowed to be lapsed by the Centre in 2015.

"The decision to repeal must have been taken at the level of PM and a few senior ministers even as there was unanimity of views within the party of the likely damage in the upcoming elections," said a BJP functionary.

It has also been learnt that the government will now adopt hands off approach with the farmer leaders, with the BJP admitting that it was a mistake to have engaged with them thereby giving legitimacy by holding several rounds of negotiations despite knowing that they just had a one-point agenda to nullify the farm laws.

SC walks extra mile for IIT aspirant

KANU SARDA @ New Delhi

TAKING humanitarian approach in the case of a 17-year-old meritorious Dalit student, the Supreme Court on Monday exercised its extraordinary powers in directing IIT-Bombay to create a seat for him.

The court felt it was a fit event for using special powers under Article 142 of the Constitution — a rarely used provision — which allows it to pass any order necessary to do complete justice in any case.

Prince Jaibir Singh was eligible for civil engineering at IIT-Bombay after clearing JEE Advanced 2021 with an all-India rank of 25,894 and Scheduled Caste category rank of 864. But he had missed out on the seat due to non-payment of fees because of technical and server error. Singh had then approached the Bombay HC which refused to hear his petition.

A bench comprising Justices D Y Chandrachud and A S Bopanna said it would be a great travesty of justice if Singh was denied admission. The court then directed the Joint Seat Allocation Authority (JOSAA) to earmark a seat and added it should be allocated to Singh without disturbing the admission of any other student.

During the hearing last week, Justice Chandrachud had remarked, "Here is a Dalit boy who has made it to the IIT. How many students are able to achieve that? He may rise to lead the country in the next 10 years! Now, he is losing out on his seat for no fault of his. While he may be ousted on a point of law, on humanitarian grounds, sometimes, we have to rise above the law."

On Monday, the court told the authorities to be humane. "Don't be wooden like this. He cleared the exam last year, he cleared it this year... He just couldn't pay the fee in time. Deal with him with a humanitarian approach. You have to look at what the reality on the ground is, the reality of our social life. This is not some case where the student has been negligent or at fault. This is a genuine case."

When the JOSAA informed that no vacant seats were available for the course, the court passed the order for seat allotment under Article 142.

For smooth Parl session, all-party meet on Nov 28

NEW DELHI: THE government will host an all-party meeting on Sunday to solicit the cooperation of the Opposition for the smooth functioning of Winter session of Parliament.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi along with senior ministers is likely to attend the customary meeting.

The BJP is also holding its Parliamentary party meeting to chalk out the strategy for the upcoming session of the Parliament. The NDA floor leaders are also likely to meet before the commencement of the Winter session of Parliament for a coherent strategy.

With the Opposition parties busy holding strategy meetings for the Winter session commencing from November 29, the government is likely to ask the Opposition leaders to list out their issues which could be taken up for discussions in both the Houses of Parliament.

While the political parties are eyeing the elections in five states, the government is expecting the Opposition parties to come up with several issues, including solidarity with the farmers' unions, who are now demanding a law to guarantee MSP for the procurements of foodgrains. *ENS*

'No scientific proof yet to back booster vax dose'

NEW DELHI: There is no scientific evidence so far to support the need for a booster vaccine dose against COVID-19, ICMR Director General Dr Balram Bhargava said on Monday underlining the completion of second dose for India's adult population is the priority for the government for now.

According to sources, the booster dose issue is likely to be discussed in the next meeting of the National Technical Advisory Group on Immunisation in India (NTAGI). "Administering the second dose of Covid vaccine to all adult population and ensuring that not only India but the entire world gets vaccinated is the priority of the government for now.

"More so, there is no scientific evidence so far to support the need for a booster vaccine dose against COVID-19," Bhargava told a news agency. On the probability of administering a booster dose, Union Health Minister Mansukh Mandaviya recently said that adequate stocks are available and the aim is to complete the vaccination of the target population with two doses. After that, a decision on booster dose would be taken based on expert recommendation, he had said. *PTI*

STATE OF OPPOSITION

Time for oppn to bury differences, join hands to dislodge dictatorial Modi govt: Lalu

THE country is passing through an unprecedented phase of dictatorial governance and time has come for all opposition parties to unite against this "anti-people" BJP government, RJD chief ***Lalu Prasad Yadav*** said while speaking to ***Rajesh Kumar Thakur***. Excerpts from the interview:

West Bengal CM Mamata Banerjee has reached Delhi with an agenda to meet opposition leaders, including Sonia Gandhi. Do you see the opposition coming together and be able to challenge the BJP government in 2024?

The country is not run by dictatorial moves. It is run through democratic and constitutional processes. But the Modi government has become one-man government taking the country through an unprecedented phase of dictatorial governance. The time has come for all opposition parties to forget all differences and unite

so that the country can be 'rescued' from the grip of the dictatorial Modi government.

Have you taken any initiative forging opposition unity for next LS elections in 2024?

I spoke to Congress president Sonia Gandhi recently and urged her to call a meeting of all the opposition parties immediately. There is a need of making an organised move against the autocratic Modi government. I have no doubt the opposition parties will show the kind of unity that farmers have displayed against the farm laws across the country.

Opposition lacks a common accepted face to challenge PM Modi. How will it challenge him in 2024?

The opposition does not face leadership crisis to take on the Modi government. The BJP's game plans have been exposed before the people.

What are the biggest issues the country is facing today?

The people are hit hard by inflation and unemployment. These two are the biggest issues which the Modi government has completely failed to address and these will prove its nemesis. Privatisation is being promoted. Take the example of Railways: how this government has ruined it. It has sold Air India and is planning to sell the country's assets. Democracy and Constitution are being attacked, innocent people are targeted and hatred is being spread.

Will the government's decision to repeal the farm laws help the BJP form the government in UP and other states like Punjab?

The BJP will not win elections anywhere...People have recognised its real face.

Will the RJD field candidates in UP polls? And will you go there to campaign?

The RJD will not field its candidates in UP. It will support the SP, which is in a stronger position and will form the government. The wind is blowing against the Yogi government... I will go and campaign in favour of SP candidates, if needed. *Full interview on www.newindianexpress.com*

PEDDLER HELD
A notorious drug peddler, who disguised himself as a 'sadhu', was arrested in Jharkhand's Palamu district after being on the run for four years. Suryanath Vaid alias Nanku was arrested from Medininagar

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Jaipur	28	14	Patna	28	12
Amritsar	23	07	Lucknow	27	15
Chennai	29	25	Port Blair	31	27
Kolkata	31	21	Imphal	26	07
Srinagar	15	-02	Chandigarh	32	10

Loyalists gain but Pilot's role in Rajasthan unclear

Likely to get bigger role in AICC despite his wish to focus on state

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WITH the cabinet reshuffle in Rajasthan, the prolonged tussle between Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot and Sachin Pilot looks settled for the time being. However, there is still no clarity on Pilot's role in future and the Congress leadership will need to address this on priority to ensure long-term peace in the state unit.

In terms of the immediate future, the Congress is likely to be a united force now as the party moves towards the next election in 2023. The reshuffle was designed to promote a collective leadership that may help to make the Congress dream of returning to power into a reality in 2023. The party high command wishes to utilise Pilot's appeal among young voters to gain power in Rajasthan in 2023.

In terms of Pilot's future, there is considerable uncertainty and lack of clarity. For the moment Pilot is not holding any position either in Rajasthan or at the AICC level, but all indications are that he will soon be rehabilitated with some important AICC post.

"He could be given a prominent role in election-bound states next year and will continue working in Rajasthan as he has made it clear to the party high command that his prime focus is home state and 2023 elections," said a source in Delhi. Party insiders in the state, however, believe that Pilot's prospects to become the party's chief ministerial face in 2023 seem unlikely.

The big challenge for Pilot will be to take up an assignment in some other state and yet be active in Rajasthan.

While he has been successful in staying within the mainstream of the party despite his rebellion last year, it remains to be seen how he will handle his relationship with Gehlot henceforth. Another tough challenge for him will be to neutralise the new faces that are being propped up by Gehlot such as state Congress chief Govind Singh Dotasra, Raghu Sharma, Harish Chaudhari and a few other who have been given important positions in the party and now are in direct touch with the Congress high command.

Rajasthan Governor Kalraj Mishra and CM Ashok Ghelot pose with new cabinet ministers after the swearing-in ceremony at Raj Bhawan in Jaipur on Sunday | PTI

Gehlot retains home, finance portfolios

JAIPUR: Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot on Monday allocated portfolios to ministers of his expanded cabinet, retaining home and finance with him. Twelve new ministers were inducted and three ministers of state were elevated to the cabinet rank.

The new council of ministers in the state has 19 cabinet ministers and 10 ministers of state. The Rajasthan cabinet can have a maximum of 30 ministers.

From the old cabinet — Pratap Singh Khachariyawas was allocated food and civil supplies, while Lal Chand Kataria retained agriculture, Pramod Jain Bhaya mines, Saleh Mohammad minority affairs, Udai Lal Anjana cooperative and Shanti Dhariwal urban development and housing, and parliamentary affairs. BD Kalla was given education. Parsadi Lal Meena was given the portfolios of medical and health, and excise.

The new ministers who got portfolios in the cabinet rank include Hemaram Choudhary (forest), Mahesh Joshi (PHED), Ramlal Jat (revenue), Ramesh Meena (panchayati raj), Vishvendra Singh (toursim and civil aviation), Govindram Meghwal (disaster management) and Shakuntala Rawat (industries) and Mahendrajeet Singh Malviya (water resources). *PTI*

Param Bir gets protection from arrest

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @New Delhi

THE Supreme Court on Monday granted former Mumbai police commissioner Param Bir Singh protection from arrest in an extortion case. The court has directed Singh to join the investigation.

During the hearing, Singh's lawyer said he is very much in the country. "He doesn't want to abscond. He doesn't want to run away. The issue, however, is that there is a very genuine threat to his life as soon as he enters Maharashtra," the lawyer said. "Singh is ready to appear before any CBI official within 48 hours if the court asks him to".

At this the bench said, "We find this picture very disturbing. If the former police commissioner says he faces threats and has lack of faith in the police, what would be the fate of the common man?"

The counsel responded, "I don't want to send out the impression that I have done anything wrong. I have full faith in the judiciary. Please grant me protection. I was the senior-most police officer, I won't run away."

He also alleged that bookies and extortionists were now filing complaints against him. "If every person I have taken action against starts registering complaints against me, what am I and my colleagues expected to do?" Singh's counsel added.

He alleged that the present DGP of Maharashtra had asked him to withdraw his letter if he wanted his safety ensured. In March this year, Param Bir Singh had written to Maharashtra CM Uddhav Thackeray in which he alleged that former state home minister Anil Deshmukh had asked suspended cop Sachin Vaze to collect ₹100 crore each month from businesses in Mumbai.

A bench of Justices S K Kaul and M M Sundresh said, "The matter has become curiouser and curiouser in the battle between the then home minister and the then Mumbai police commissioner."

EXPRESS READ

Grenade blast outside army cantonment

Chandigarh: A grenade blast took place outside the army cantonment in Pathankot on Monday morning. The incident has been termed as a "terror attack". Sources said the blast took place barely 500 yards from the outer wall of the high-security air force station. Two unidentified persons on a motorcycle lobbed the low-intensity grenade in front of the Triveni gate of the cantonment. No casualty was reported. Some parts of the grenade have been recovered.

NIA arrests rights activist in Srinagar

Srinagar: The NIA on Monday evening arrested prominent Kashmiri human rights activist and coordinator of the J&K Coordination of Coalition of Civil Society (JKCCS), Khurram Parvez. Sources said NIA arrested Parvez from his residence in Srinagar. "The NIA seized his mobile phone, laptop and other documents including books from his residence," the sources said. It is not known under what charges Parvez was arrested by NIA.

On J&K visit, finance minister inaugurates projects worth ₹165 cr

FAYAZ WANI @ Srinagar

UNION Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman on Monday arrived here on her first visit to Jammu and Kashmir after the abrogation of Article 370 and inaugurated projects worth ₹165 crore.

The development works inaugurated by the minister pertained to health, education, urban infrastructure and disaster management. She also laid foundation stone for Union Territory (UT) Level Emergency Operation Centre and SCADA control building at Budgam, Kashmir (worth ₹34.88 crore) under the World Bank-funded Jhelum and Tawi Flood Recovery Project (JTFRP).

The JTFRP, which is assisted by a credit of $250 million from the World Bank, was started in the aftermath of devastating floods of 2014 which severely affected low-lying areas of Kashmir, including Srinagar, causing immense damage to housing, roads and bridges.

Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman and L-G Manoj Sinha in Srinagar | PTI

The finance minister also inaugurated the Income Tax department's new office-cum-residential complex in the summer capital of J&K.

Speaking on the occasion, Sitharaman said the I-T office at Srinagar will act as a "bridge" to connect people of the region to the "best taxpayer services" and also help them in their taxation issues through the Aaykar Sewa Kendra.

Later, in an interaction with tax administrators and stakeholders here, the finance minister urged the officers of both CBDT & CBIC to be "agents of change" and reach out to the industry and business individuals to ascertain their expectations from the government.

MP's new excise policy will help tribals, says Chouhan

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bhopal

A week after PM Modi launched a series of tribal-centric initiatives at the start of Janjatiya Gaurav Diwas (Tribal Pride Day) in Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan on Monday travelled to tribal-dominated Mandla district to attend the valedictory of the week-long celebrations.

Attending the event at Ramnagar Mandla, Chouhan also performed ground-breaking of development works worth over ₹600 crore. He announced that tribals would be given the right to manage community forest. Chouhan also said the government is formulating a new excise policy, in which the tribal community will be able to make liquor traditionally from Mahua. The right to sell this heritage liquor will also be given to the tribals.

The chief minister also announced that the primary health centre at Manpur in Indore will be named as Tantya Bhil Health Centre in memory of the tribal hero.

Bombay HC refuses to restrain Nawab Malik

SUDHIR SURYAWANSHI @ Mumbai

THE Bombay High Court on Monday refused to restrain NCP minister Nawab Malik from making allegations against Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB) zonal director Sameer Wankhede and his family members.

The court said prima facie, the allegations were not completely false and that these were not acted upon with malice.

However, the high court asked Malik to verify the information before sharing it in public. The court said Sameer Wankhede is a public officer and that his conduct can be examined and commented upon by public.

JOLT TO WANKHEDE
The HC order is a big jolt to the NCB and Sameer Wankhede. Earlier, in the Aryan Khan bail order the court had passed scathing remarks against the conduct of the NCB for not following the due process

Malik earlier claimed that the father's name of Sameer Wankhede was Dawood and that Sameer was a Muslim by birth. He had argued that Sameer could not get a government job in the beneficiary list of the Hindu Scheduled Caste and demanded his suspension.

Sameer Wankhede's father Dhandev had filed a ₹1.25-crore defamation suit against Malik and asked the court to stop him from sharing defamatory tweets, photos and contents through his social media and press conferences.

However, the court refused to pass an injunction against Malik. To substantiate his allegations, Malik had submitted the birth certificate of Sameer Wankhede, his 'nikahnama' certificate and the school leaving certificate in the high court that showed Sameer Wankhede was a Muslim and that his father's name was Dawood. The court said that the factual position on record shows that Malik (defendant) had raised important issues concerning the acts and conduct of Wankhede who is a public official.

Channi, Sidhu share stage after long gap

HARPREET BAJWA @ Chandigarh

AFTER a long time, the Punjab chief minister and the Congress' state chief appeared together in a show of unity in the poll-bound state. The place was Ludhiana and the occasion was a workers' meeting.

Declaring a war against the 'cable mafia', CM Charanjit Singh Channi announced a fixed monthly rate of cable TV connections at ₹100 to eliminate cartelisation across the state. State party chief Navjot Sidhu said Assembly polls would be fought on "principles and the honest would win."

Addressing a public gathering in Ludhiana, Channi said the cable monopolisation had resulted in the people's harassment. He alleged the Badal family owned transport and cable businesses. "People need not pay more than ₹100 per month. The government will strict action those who violate the new rates. If anyone harasses you, inform me," he said.

Sidhu said the Congress-led government would soon evolve a mechanism to make the state debt-free by launching more effective policies.

REPLICA HOUSE

Burhanpur's 'Taj' too has a love story to tell

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Bhopal

CENTURIES ago, the Burhanpur town in central India was supposed to be the home to Taj Mahal, the symbol of love, which couldn't be built there by Shah Jahan, possibly due to technical reasons. In the 21st year of the 21st century, a man in the same town of modern Madhya Pradesh has built a Taj Mahal-look-alike house as a gift for his wife.

Anand Prakash Chouksey, a Burhanpur-based educationist who also owns a hospital, has built the replica of Taj Mahal near his school premises and gifted it to his wife, Manjusha Chouksey.

Diverse artisans
The cemented carving was done by artisans from Indore and Bengal, and work on white stone by men from Rajasthan. The inlay on flooring was performed by Agra artisans

"My wife and I had visited Agra three years back for inspiration. We studied the architecture closely and asked engineers to take note of the structural details. After working for two and half years, teams of artisans from Burhanpur and outside have made this house ready," Chouksey said, adding the house has become a major draw for poor people who can't afford travelling to Agra as well as young couples hunting for ideal location for pre-wedding shoots.

The 55-60-ft-high structure has a big hall, four bedrooms, a spacious kitchen and dedicated hall for *dhyan* (meditation). Chouksey had planned an 80-ft building but the authorities wouldn't grant permission.

According to Praveen Chouksey, the consulting engineer, "We were skeptical about its completion, but Anand said only one line, 'It was humans who built the monument of love centuries ago. Now why can't the humans with more advanced knowhow rebuild its replica?' That line turned out to be a challenge for us."

Burhanpur was supposed to be home to the Taj Mahal. Mumtaz Mahal, in whose memory it was built, died here. The site originally chosen along the Tapti river still lies vacant, a silent reminder of the time that Burhanpur almost had a brush with history.

Major breakthrough in Zoji La tunnel project

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Srinagar

MOVING one step closer in providing all-weather road connectivity between J&K and Ladakh, Hyderabad-based Megha Engineering & Infrastructures Ltd (MEIL) on Monday achieved a breakthrough in constructing the strategic Zoji La tunnel by completing the excavation of the second tube of Tunnel-1.

According to officials, T-1 has two tubes, with 448-metere and 472-metere lengths. "The first tube was day-lighted on November 4 and the second tube was day-lighted today," they said.

According to officials, the challenging task has been completed ahead of schedule. "It was difficult to tunnel this stretch as water kept seeping in," they said.

The total length of Zoji La project is 32km and is divided into two parts. The highway will have two twin-tube tunnels, five bridges, and two snow galleries. Part-1 of the project, comprising 18km, connects Sonamarg and Taltal, having major bridges and twin tunnels. Officials said the next twin tubes having a length of 2km each shall achieve day-lighting in April 2022.

MEIL, a leading infrastructure company, was awarded the Zoji La project in 2020.

Another bus stand planned for Mohali

A new bus stand will be built in Mohali in four acres of land along the airport road near the Singh Shaheedan Gurdwara in Sohana. Directions in this regard were given to Greater Mohali Area Development Authority (GMADA) in a meeting recently chaired by Punjab Chief Minister Charanjit Singh Channi. The demand for a new bus stand was made by Mohali MLA and former minister Balbir Singh Sidhu. Already the city has an air-conditioned interstate bus terminus (Picture), which also has a commercial complex on the Chandigarh-Kharar highway in Mohali. However, this bus stand operates only partially.

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CHANDIGARH DIARY

Chandigarh municipal polls on December 24

The election to Chandigarh Municipal Corporation will be held on December 24 and the counting of votes will be held on December 27. The State Election Commission made an announcement to this effect on Monday. Election Commissioner SK Srivastav said candidates can file nominations from November 27 to December 4. December 9 is the last date for withdrawal of nominations. The elections will be held on December 24 while the counting will be held on December 27. The entire election process is to be completed by December 30. There are 6.3 lakh voters (3.3 lakh males and 2.99 lakh females) in the city. The poll panel has increased the number of polling booths from 474 to 694. "Arrangements will be made for Covid patients. They will be able to vote in the last one hour of voting," said Srivastav.

Migratory birds flock to Sukhna Lake

Migratory birds, especially from Siberia, have started arriving at Sukhna Lake in Chandigarh as the winter season has begun. Common species such as common pochard, common coot, mallard and pintail duck have started coming at the lake and more of these birds will arrive here in the coming days with further fall in the mercury. These winged visitors will stay around the lake till March next year. The wildlife department will create floating islands for migratory birds in the lake as the water level in the lake is quite high and these birds prefer shallow water for feeding.

Tendering process for purchasing buses begins

The Chandigarh Transport Department has initiated the process for procuring 40 diesel AC buses for intercity operations. The bids in this regard have been invited. As many as 20 buses will be purchased and another 20 will be hired for a period of ten years. Eligible agencies have been asked to submit their bids by December 10 and the tenders will be opened the same day. Meanwhile, for a lot of 40 electric buses, e-tender has been invited. These buses will be put on commercial operations in the coming financial year. A few electric buses have been flagged off for local routes recently. Five more electric buses have reached the city and will be put into operation after trials.

26-year-old
Indian-origin man sentenced to eight years of corrective training for supplying weapons

GLOBAL WEATHER
LR: Light Rain • HR: Heavy Rain • TDS: Thundershower • LC: Light Cloud • SNY: Sunny

Beijing	11	-2	HR	Los Angeles	23	11	SNY
Colombo	29	24	TDS	Melbourne	23	16	LR
Dhaka	31	24	TDS	Moscow	-2	-7	LR
Dubai	32	26	SNY	New York	7	-1	SNY
Houston	21	15	SNY	Singapore	31	25	LC
Istanbul	15	10	SNY	Toronto	3	0	LC
London	8	3	LC	Washington	7	-2	LC

Police collect evidence at the site where an SUV plowed into a parade of Christmas marchers in Waukesha in the US state of Wisconsin on Sunday night | AP

5 killed as SUV ploughs into US X'mas parade

The vehicle broke through barricades and sped into a school marching band; 40 injured

WAUKESHA

A vehicle plowed through barricades and into a Christmas parade, killing five people and wounding at least 40 others in the US state of Wisconsin on Sunday, the police said.

The red SUV broke through barricades at the annual holiday event, with videos showing the car zoom past spectators right into the heart of the parade — and witnesses saying it sped into a school marching band. "We can confirm that 5 people are deceased and 40 are injured. However, these numbers may change as we collect additional information," the local police said in a statement on their official Facebook page, adding they have a "person of interest in custody".

Sandra Peterson, a spokeswoman for the Milwaukee Catholic church, said in a statement that "among the injured are one of our Catholic priests, as well as multiple parishioners and Catholic school children."

One witness, Angela O'Boyle, whose apartment overlooked the parade in the Milwaukee suburb, told CNN: "All I heard was screaming and then people yelling out their children's names".

Police chief Dan Thompson had earlier told reporters that officers had recovered the vehicle involved in the attack.

There were no other threats, officials at the press conference said. A total of 11 adults and 12 children were taken to six area hospitals, Fire Chief Steven Howard told reporters.

During the incident an officer fired at the SUV in an attempt to stop it, authorities added. Schools will not open Monday and roads will remain closed, Thompson said, while the investigation is continuing.

US President Joe Biden has received a briefing on the situation and the White House was closely monitoring the situation in Waukesha, an administration official said.

"Our hearts go out to everyone who has been impacted by this terrible incident," they said. "We have reached out to state and local officials to offer any support and assistance as needed." *AFP*

MORE CURBS

Taliban bans women from appearing in soap operas

KABUL

AFGHANISTAN'S Taliban authorities have issued a new "religious guideline" that called on the country's television channels to stop showing dramas and soap operas featuring women actors.

In the first such directive to Afghan media issued by the Ministry for the Promotion of Virtue and Prevention of Vice, the Taliban also called on women television journalists to wear Islamic hijabs while presenting their reports.

And the ministry asked the channels not to air films or programmes in which the Prophet Mohammed or other revered figures are shown.

It called for banning films or programmes that were against Islamic and Afghan values.

"These are not rules but a religious guideline'," ministry spokesman Hakif Mohajir told journalists.

The new directive was widely circulated late Sunday on social media networks.

Despite insisting they will rule more moderately this time around, the Taliban have already introduced rules for what women can wear at university, and beaten and harassed several Afghan journalists despite promising to uphold press freedoms. The Taliban's guideline for TV networks comes after two decades of explosive growth for independent Afghan media under the Western-backed governments that ruled the country until August 15, when the Taliban took power.

Dozens of television channels were set up with Western assistance soon after the Taliban were toppled in 2001. Afghan television channels offered a wide range of programmes —from an "American Idol" style singing competition to music videos, along with several Indian soap operas.

Sri Lanka indicts former police chief for ignoring intelligence on Easter Day attacks

COLOMBO

SRI Lanka's former police chief Pujith Jayasundera was on Monday indicted with 855 charges of criminal negligence for failing to act despite receiving prior intelligence warnings in the 2019 Easter Sunday terror attack that killed nearly 270 people, including 11 Indians.

The Attorney General read out the charges when the case was taken up before a three-judge High Court bench comprising Justices Namal Balalle, Aditya Patabendige and Mohamed Irshadeen on Monday.

Jayasundera was present in the courtroom when the charges were read out against him in the case, which has over 1,200 witnesses, lawyers said.

Pujith Jayasundera

His lawyers insisted that the former Inspector General was not guilty of ignoring prior intelligence. Former defence secretary Hemasiri Fernando, who was a key member in the defence ministry when the attack took place in April 2019, also faces similar charges.

Jayasundera and Fernando were suspended from service and arrested in connection with the case. However, they were later released on bail.

Both were accused by the then President Maithripala Sirisena for negligence over alleged inaction to prevent attacks despite the availability of prior intelligence on the attacks.Police have filed over 23,000 charges against suspects for conspiring, aiding and abetting the attacks.

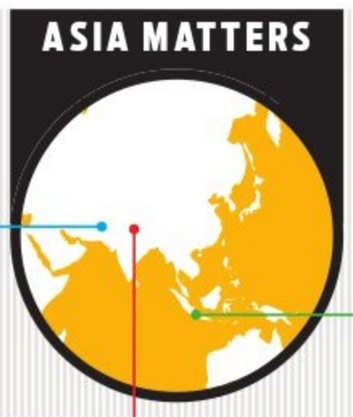
Nine suicide bombers belonging to local Islamist extremist group National Thawheed Jamaat (NTJ) linked to ISIS carried out a series of devastating blasts that tore through three churches and as many luxury hotels on April 21, 2019, killing nearly 270 people, and injuring over 500.

The attack stirred a political storm as the then government headed by President Sirisena and Prime Minister Ranil Wickremesinghe was blamed for its inability to prevent the attacks despite prior intelligence being made available.

During his tenure, Sirisena formed a presidential panel to probe the attacks.

The special presidential probe found Sirisena himself along with a host of other top defence officials, including Fernando and Jayasundera, guilty of ignoring prior intelligence. The panel report had recommended criminal action against them. *PTI*

ASIA MATTERS



PAKISTAN

Amnesty seeks end to forced disappearances

Amnesty International on Monday urged Pakistani authorities to stop forcibly disappearing suspected militants for years without trial, calling the practice "abhorrent." In a report entitled "Living Ghosts," the rights group describes the difficulties faced by the families of the disappeared in obtaining information about their detained relatives. It says that since the beginning of the US-led war on terror, hundreds of Pakistani rights defenders, activists, students and journalists have gone missing. Among such detainees was Idris Khattak, who disappeared while traveling in the country's northwest in 2019. Weeks later, authorities acknowledged he was in their custody on unspecified treason charges. Khattak worked for Amnesty International and Human Rights Watch before disappearing.

NEPAL

At least Six people killed as jeep falls down a gorge

At least six persons have been killed after a jeep lost control and fell down the hilly road in Nepal's Baitadi district, police said. The jeep met with an accident at Dasharathchand Municipality-4 in the district of far-West Nepal on Sunday night. It was going from Dehimadau to Simayal of the municipality, 600 km west of Kathmandu. According to the police, five persons died on the spot while the jeep driver died on the way to the Dhangadhi hospital. The jeep fell some 300 meters down the hilly road after losing control, police said.

INDONESIA

Trial of accused elephant poachers open

An Indonesian court on Monday began a trial against a group of men accused of poaching endangered Sumatran elephants and trading in illegal ivory, in a case that wildlife conservation officials have hailed as a milestone. The case includes nine men accused of killing wild elephants by setting electrified wire traps on the Indonesian island of Sumatra, and two others accused of buying ivory from the elephant killings.The charges follow on the discovery by Indonesian authorities of five elephant skeletons in a village of the Aceh Jaya district in January 2020. The Aceh province's conservation agency estimated that the group of elephants had been dead for more than two months before being found. A number of body parts, including their ivory tusks, were missing.

ABUSE OF POWER

Probe unearths evidence of misconduct by former NY guv

ALBANY

A legislative investigation released on Monday found "overwhelming evidence" that former Governor Andrew Cuomo engaged in sexual harassment and ordered state workers to help produce his book during work hours.

The report also found that Cuomo's executive chamber 'substantially revised' a state report to exclude deaths of nursing home residents at hospitals to boost Cuomo's reputation.

In March, the Assembly Judiciary Committee hired a Manhattan law firm, Davis Polk & Wardwell, to investigate whether there were grounds to impeach Cuomo. Cuomo, a Democrat, resigned in August to avoid a likely impeachment trial in the wake of another investigation that found he sexually harassed at least 11 women.

That investigation was led by two independent attorneys selected by state Attorney General Letitia James, also a Democrat. The Assembly investigators said they reviewed that sexual harassment investigation, as well as about 600,00 pages of documents gathered by Davis Polk that ranged from photographs to e-mails to recordings of phone calls to video recordings.

Davis Polk investigators didn't interview Cuomo, who instead provided written submissions. Cuomo's spokesperson, Richard Azzopardi, and lawyer, Rita Glavin, didn't immediately respond to request for comment on the legislative investigation. Cuomo has denied that he ever intended to touch anyone inappropriately and said he never meant to make anyone uncomfortable with sexual remarks. *AP*

DEMOCRACY BACKSLIDING IN U.S.?

The United States has joined an annual list of backsliding democracies for the first time, the International IDEA think-tank said on Monday, pointing to a "visible deterioration" it said began in 2019

DON'S ATTACK ON ELECTION INTEGRITY, A TURNING POINT

A historic turning point came in 2020-21 when former president Donald Trump questioned the legitimacy of the 2020 election results in the United States, the report said

In addition, Hudson pointed to a "decline in the quality of freedom of association and assembly during the summer of protests in 2020" following the police killing of George Floyd

GREY LIST EXPANDING AT ALARMING PACE

The number of backsliding democracies has doubled in the past decade, now accounting for a quarter of the world's population. In addition to "established democracies" such as the US, the list includes EU member states Hungary, Poland and Slovenia

WHERE THINGS HAVE IMPROVED

Two countries that were on the list last year — Ukraine and North Macedonia — were removed this year after their situations improved

Trump supporters at US Capitol on Jan 6

WHERE PEOPLE'S VOICE NO LONGER COUNTS

Mali and Serbia, left the list because they are no longer considered democracies

While Myanmar moved from a democracy to an authoritarian regime, Afghanistan and Mali entered this category from their previous label of hybrid governments

NO COUNTRY FOR DEMOCRACY?

Globally, more than one in four people live in a backsliding democracy, according to the Stockholm-based International Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance

64% of countries have taken actions to curb the pandemic that were disproportionate ro unnecessary

70% live in countries that are either non-democratic or have backsliding democracies like the US

9% of world's population live in countries that have high-performing democracies

80 countries have seen protests and civic action during the pandemic despite restrictions. In most cases the protests were repressed

POSITIVE DISTRACTION
An Israeli child looks through a virtual reality goggle to distract himself as he receives a Covid vaccine | AP

EXPRESS READ

Xi announces $1.5 billion aid in bid to woo ASEAN

Beijing: Amid a US push into the resource rich Indo-Pacific, Chinese President Xi Jinping claimed on Monday that China will not seek "hegemony" or bully smaller countries as he announced $1.5 billion development assistance for the ASEAN besides the elevation of the ties to a comprehensive strategic partnership to strengthen security cooperation with the 10-nation. "China was, is and will always be ASEAN's good neighbour, good friend and good partner," he claimed. Xu Liping, an expert on Southeast Asia with the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences, said both China and the US were aware of ASEAN's importance. The US saw the region's potential role in countering Beijing's rising influence, while China aimed to dissuade ASEAN nations from siding with the US, he added.

Chinese hypersonic weapon had path-breaking 2nd missile

WASHINGTON

CHINA'S test of a globe-circling hypersonic weapon in July included the unprecedented launch of a separate missile from the ultra-high-speed vehicle, according to the *Financial Times* and *Wall Street Journal*.

The test showcased China's development of its strategic, nuclear-capable weapons as more advanced than any had thought, surprising Pentagon officials, the two newspapers reported.

Neither the United States nor Russia has demonstrated the same ability, which requires launching a missile from a parent vehicle traveling five times the speed of sound.

The Financial Times, which first reported the test over the weekend, said US military experts are trying to understand how China mastered the technology, which puts them in advance of rivals in the hypersonic arms race.

The Wall Street Journal confirmed the report Monday.

In it, a launch vehicle, a long-range missile, carried the guided hypersonic warhead around the world and then released it toward a test target inside China.

The hypersonic, which unlike ballistic missiles can be steered, missed the target by more than 32 kilometers, which the number two general in the Pentagon, General John Hyten, said last week was "close enough" for an initial test.

But more surprising was that the hypersonic, while flying from the south toward China, released a separate missile which rocketed away, falling harmlessly into the South China Sea.

That test stunned because the release took place while the vehicle was soaring at hypersonic speeds, above 6,175 kilometers per hour. *AFP*

Biden keeps Jerome Powell as chairman of US Federal Reserve

WASHINGTON

US President Joe Biden on Monday tapped Jerome Powell to serve a second term as chair of the US Federal Reserve, allowing him to keep leading the response to the economic damage caused by Covid-19 while dealing with record inflation.

The nomination, expected to win confirmation by the Senate, ends weeks of speculation over whether Biden, a Democrat, would reappoint the Republican chair, or heed calls from the left wing of his party to replace him with a candidate like Fed Governor Lael Brainard. Instead, Brainard will serve as vice chair of the world's most influential central bank, Biden said, while Powell will remain in the driver's seat, presiding over the rollback of its pandemic stimulus and the likely beginning of rate hikes next year.

"We can't just return to where we were before the pandemic, we need to build our economy back better," Biden said. "I'm confident that Chair Powell and Dr Brainard's focus on keeping inflation low, prices stable and delivering full employment will make our economy stronger than ever before."

Jerome Powell

Powell has led the central bank's response to the massive pandemic downturn, which saw it slash its lending rate to zero and roll out trillions of dollars in liquidity.

The bank has pulled back those measures as the economy has recovered, but inflation has also spiked, fueling a drop in Biden's approval ratings.

However, Powell also led a change in policy at the Fed to keep interest rates lower for longer than normal to spur full employment, particularly for minorities and groups that are often disadvantaged.

"Mr Powell's reappointment and Governor Brainard's appointment are not a surprise and signal continuity at the central bank," Rubeela Farooqi of High Frequency Economics said. "Overall, with Mr Powell remaining chair, communication will remain clear and transparent and policy will not veer too far off from the current dovish path." *AFP*

Market Watch

MARKET			GOLD			SILVER			FOREX		
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348.25 ▼	Nifty	17,416.55	₹40 ▼	22 carat (1 gm)	₹4,863.8	₹0.657 ▼	Per gm	₹65.829	▲ Euro		83.79

Markets see biggest single-day fall since April

Analysts say growing inflationary pressure may put a brake on the current bull run

ARSHAD KHAN @ New Delhi

THE bull-run of India's equity market has faded out in recent weeks and Monday's big crash could be the first sign of a correction that market analysts have been predicting for quite some time.

On Monday, the BSE Sensex tanked 1,170 points or 1.96% to end at 58,465 while the Nifty 50 closed 348 points or 1.96% lower at 17,416. This was their biggest single-day fall since April 2021. The investors lost over ₹8 lakh crore in the sell-off as market capitalisation of the BSE stood at ₹260.98 lakh crore on November 22 as against ₹269.20 lakh crore in the previous trading session.

"Nifty has corrected by 6.5 % from the peak. If global factors turn weak, correction may continue," VK Vijayakumar, Chief Investment Strategist at Geojit Financial Services told *TNIE*.

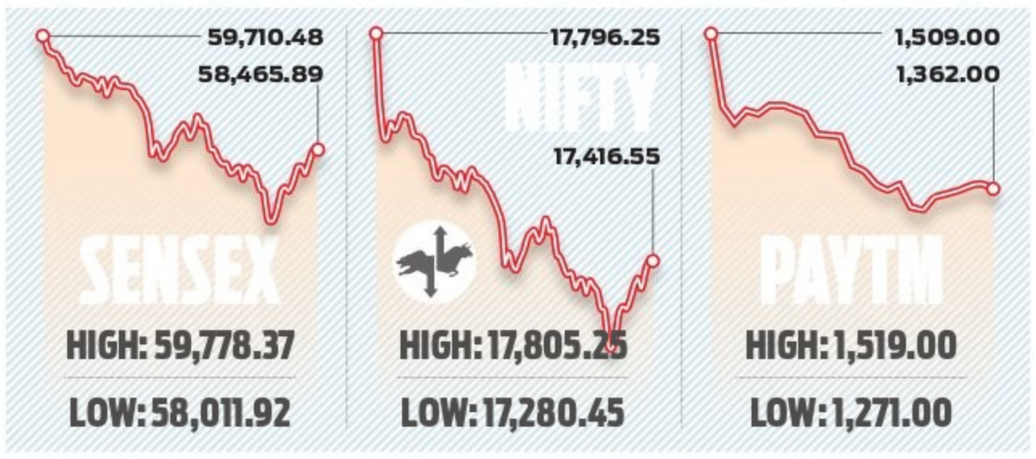
He added markets have been overvalued for quite some time now. At 18,000, Nifty was trading at 24 times forward earnings. Contrast this to the 21 PE (price earning) of S&P 500.

"At excessive valuations, some triggers can cause corrections in the market. A combination of negative triggers in the form of warning of excessive valuation by the RBI, some foreign brokerages downgrading India on valuation concerns, sustained selling by FIIs in the cash market, the Reliance-Aramco issue, the disastrous listing of Paytm and fresh wave of Covid in parts of Europe combined to become a perfect storm spooking the market," added Vijayakumar.

Besides this, global market sentiments have weakened due to the fear of rising inflation and India is no exception to this. Many analysts in recent times have said that rising inflation in India, caused primarily by rising energy prices, can force the central bank to start increasing key rates sooner than expected. This, according to them, can have a severe impact on the stock market.

Vijayakumar advised Investors to wait for the dust to settle down before buying aggressively. "Even now, valuations are rich. Investors can hedge against risk by investing in gold ETFs. When the market stabilises, investors may buy IT which is the clear leader in this rally," he added.

Amit Gupta, Fund Manager – PMS, ICICI Securities, says that the stretched valuation segments are witnessing profit booking and money is flowing into value segments where earnings have started to grow after several earnings of stagnation. In Monday's big fall, Sensex fell as much as 1,624 points intraday and Nifty 50 index briefly dropped below its psychological level of 17,300.



Paytm falls 40% in two days; Poor show likely to impact upcoming IPOs

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

THE Paytm stock (listed as One 97 Communications) fell sharply for the second straight session on Monday, wiping out investors wealth by over ₹50,000 crore in just two sessions.

The stock fell as much as 18.72% intraday to ₹1,271.25 on the BSE before paring some of the losses to end the day 13.03% lower at ₹1,360.30. The stock had ended its first session 27% lower at ₹1,564. This sharp sell-off has brought down market capitalisation of Paytm to a little over ₹88,000 crore, compared to its IPO valuation of about ₹1.39 lakh crore.

"In our view, the company has not left enough earning space for the investor and this is one of the reasons for the fall in stock price," said Gaurav Garg, Head of Research, CapitalVia Global Research Limited. The poor performance of Paytm stock has casted a dark shadow for IPOs, especially the ones which are yet to report profit. Experts believe investors will now be extra cautious given the amount of money they have lost in Paytm.

"There are key learnings for investors from Paytm IPO. There should be perfect financial engineering between valuation, profitability, and size of the IPO for its success, which went on toss in the case of Paytm. Post Paytm IPO, investors will be cautious and risk-averse especially for loss-making new-age technology companies and whose major fund is going in offer for sale," said Amit Pamnani, Chief Investment Officer & DGM for Investment Banking at Swastika Investmart.

Meanwhile, Vijay Shekhar Sharma, founder of Paytm, told his employees in a town hall not to get worried by the market perception and focus on expanding the business. According to reports, Sharma drew parallels between himself and Elon Musk of Tesla.

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RBI issues draft scheme for PMC Bank's takeover

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@ New Delhi

RETAIL depositors who have more than ₹5 lakh stuck in the Punjab and Maharashtra Cooperative (PMC) Bank will have to wait for up to 10 years to get their full amount, according to the Reserve Bank of India's draft scheme for the acquisition of PMC Bank by Delhi-based Unity Small Finance Bank (USFB).

According to the scheme released on Monday, the depositors will get their full amount back over a period of 10 years. In the initial phase, the Bank will pay an amount insured under DICGC of up to ₹5 lakh to depositors.

After that, at the end of two years, the Bank will pay up to ₹50,000, and up to ₹1 lakh at the end of three years, ₹3 lakh at the end of four years, ₹5.5 lakh at the end of five years and the full amount will be paid after ten years.

Also, the draft suggests that the interest on any of the interest bearing deposits with the Bank will not accrue after March 31, 2021.

The Reserve Bank said it would receive suggestions and objections on the draft scheme till 5.00 pm on December 10. Thereafter, it will take a final view on the takeover.

"No further interest will be payable on the interest bearing deposits of the transferor bank for a period of five years from the appointed date. In respect of balances in any current account or any other non-interest bearing account, no interest shall be payable to the account holders, according to the scheme," the draft said.

The USFB, a joint venture between Centrum Group and Bharatpe, is being set up with a capital of about ₹1,100 crore as against the regulatory requirement of ₹200 crore for the setting up of such a bank, as per the guidelines for on-tap licensing.

Aramco to assess new investments in India

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU
@ New Delhi

SAUDI Aramco on Monday said it will continue to evaluate new and existing business opportunities with its potential partners in India, days after Reliance Industry Ltd. scrapped its plan to sell 20% stake in its oil-to-chemicals unit to the Saudi Arabian oil company.

The company also called India a place of tremendous growth opportunities over the long term. "India offers tremendous growth opportunities over the long term," said Aramco in a statement. "It will continue to evaluate new and existing business opportunities with our potential partner."

In August 2019, Reliance and Saudi Aramco signed a non-binding letter of intent in August 2019 for a potential 20% stake in Reliance's oil-to-chemicals unit. The deal was valued at about $15 billion, and it was called the biggest foreign investment in Reliance history. The company had announced the deal would close by March 2020. However, the deadline was missed and Reliance blamed pandemic controlling restrictions.

Last week, RIL in an official statement said both had mutually decided to re-evaluate the proposed $15 billion Investment by Aramco in the oil-to-chemical (O2C) business.

The reason to cancel the deal was Reliance's foray into the energy sector. It has recently unveiled its plans for the New Energy & Materials businesses by announcing the development of Dhirubhai Ambani Green Energy Giga Complex at Jamnagar, which accounts for a major part of the O2C assets. It will be amongst the largest integrated renewable energy manufacturing facilities in the world.

Eyeing higher ARPU, Airtel hikes tariffs by up to 20-25%

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU
@ New Delhi

WITH eyes on increasing profitability and return on capital, telecom operator Bharti Airtel on Monday decided to hike tariff rates by 20-25% for various prepaid offerings from November 26. The company said the move would provide a reasonable return on capital that allows for a financially healthy business model.

"Bharti Airtel has always maintained that the mobile Average Revenue Per User (ARPU) needs to be at ₹200 and ultimately at ₹300, so as to provide a reasonable return on capital that allows for a financially healthy business model," said Airtel in an official statement.

At the end of September quarter, the company had a monthly ARPU of ₹153.

Sunil Mittal-led Airtel is one of the oldest telecom operators in India, and currently it has 323 million India mobile customers at the last count. This is the first time after a long gap the company has hiked tariffs at this scale.

"We also believe that this level of ARPU will enable the substantial investments required in networks and spectrum. Even more important, this will give Airtel the elbow room to roll out 5G in India. Therefore, as a first step, we are taking the lead in rebalancing our tariffs during the month of November," reads the statement of Airtel.

After the hike, the current ₹79 plan will cost ₹99 from Friday to the customers. Similarly, the ₹149 plan will cost ₹179, the ₹1,498 plan will become ₹1,799 and the ₹2,498 plan will cost ₹2,999.

Airtel also increased the tariffs for data top-up plans by about 20-21%. Experts welcomed the move of Airtel, and said other telcos may follow the suit. "The tariff hike announced by a major telecom operator today is a much-needed step towards healing the profitability and the returns profile of the sector. It will also enable telcos to invest in rolling out 5G mobile services over the medium term," said Nitesh Jain, Director, CRISIL Ratings.

He called the sector capital-intensive as it requires continuous technological upgradation. "Telcos would need to invest at least ~₹70,000 crore at the 5G spectrum auction which is likely in next fiscal.

After the tariff hike announcement, the share of telecom operator's touched a 52-week high of ₹756, surging over 5% in the early trade. The stock closed 3.8% higher at ₹741 on Monday.

TODAY'S STOCK PICK

Current Price ₹594

Target Price ₹700

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Commentary from Vehicle Financiers suggests demand for both New/Used Vehicles will be strong once supply side issues ease out and availability of vehicles improves. We expect a sustained recovery in disbursements in 2HFY22 and model AUM growth of 6%/12% in FY22E/FY23E. We expect the company to deliver healthy (~19%) RoE over the next three years.

— Motilal Oswal Securities Limited

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EXPRESS READ

SBI clarifies on report of unpaid refunds

NEW DELHI: State Bank of India (SBI) today clarified on report of Bank yet to return ₹164 crore of undue fee charged from the account holders of (PMJDY). "There has been a news article that SBI is not refunding charges ...We confirm that Bank is in full compliance with the Government and regulatory directives in this regard," SBI said in a statement.

14 companies ask govt to settle retro tax cases

NEW DELHI: 14 companies against whom retrospective tax demands were raised have approached the government to settle cases, Revenue Secretary Tarun Bajaj said. Bajaj told PTI, of the 17 companies against whom retrospective tax demand was raised, barring three or four entities, all have given an undertaking to the government to resolve the cases.

'CO-OP SOCIETIES CAN'T USE BANK IN THEIR NAMES'

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

THE RBI on Monday warned depositors against co-operative societies using 'bank' in their names as well as accepting deposits from people who are not their members.

In a statement, RBI said it has come to notice that some co-operative societies are using the word 'bank' in their names in violation of the Banking Regulation Act.

It has also come to the notice of RBI that some co-operative societies are accepting deposits from non-members/ nominal members/ associate members which is tantamount to conducting banking business in violation of the provisions.

"Members of the public are hereby informed that such societies have neither been issued any licence under BR Act, 1949 nor are they authorised by the RBI for doing banking business," RBI said.

After the amendment in the Banking Regulation Act, 1949, effective September 29, 2020, co-operative societies cannot use the words "bank", "banker" or "banking" as part of their names, except as permitted under the provisions or by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI).

Further, the insurance cover from Deposit Insurance and Credit Guarantee Corporation (DICGC) is also not available for deposits placed with these societies.

Spencer's plans 15% growth in new retail space; large-format stores to drive biz

SAMIKSHA GOEL @ New Delhi

SPENCER'S Retail, part of the RP-Sanjiv Goenka Group, has laid down its future growth path, targeting 15% y-o-y growth in new retail space.

The retail major is likely to add 2.5 to 3 lakh sqft retail space over the next two years, it said in its investor presentation report, adding the growth will be driven through the large-store format.

The retail major also pegs the online penetration in India will reach 10.7% in FY24 as compared to 4.7% in FY19. "There are a lot of opportunities for e-retailers in India to capitalise upon with the gradually growing internet penetration in India."

Out-of-store channel will also be a key driver for growth for Spencer and Natures Basket, according to the company.

It plans to service gourmet & international cuisine in existing geographies through Natures Basket and aims at making its gifting studio the one-stop destination for gifting solution across food & non-food categories in India.

The company has been witnessing strong growth in the omnichannel vertical, registering a 6.5x growth from 2019 and 4.5x growth from 2020. In fact, the share of omnichannel grew from single digit of 2% to double digit as a sustainable base.

"Continuous investments are being made in the online platform (deliveries through Ecomm/ Telephone/whatsapp/ Chatbot) for enhancing consumer experience," it adds in the presentation.

"E-commerce will be the fastest growing channel for retail because of the ecosystem -- growing consumerism of the middle class, young population, access to technology platform," said the company. ORIPL is an e-commerce company and 100%-owned subsidiary of Spencer's Retail Limited.

BEL receives export order worth $93.15 mn

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU
@ Bengaluru

UNDER the C295 aircraft programme of the Government of India, Airbus Defence and Space has signed a contract with Navratna Defence PSU Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL) for the manufacture and supply of Radar Warning Receiver (RWR) and Missile Approach Warning System (MAWS).

This export order, which is worth $93.15 million, is the biggest received till date by BEL.

"The contract with Airbus Defence and Space is the biggest export order received till date by BEL," said Vinay Kumar Katyal, Director of Bengaluru Complex, BEL.

BEL recently achieved a turnover of ₹3,622.42 crore, registering a growth of 14.45% during the 2nd Quarter of FY 2021-22 over the turnover of ₹3,164.99 crore in the corresponding period of the previous year.

"We are happy to be associated with Airbus Defence and Space in manufacturing and delivering the Radar Warning Receiver (RWR) and Missile Approach Warning System (MAWS) for the prestigious C295 aircraft programme," said Anandi Ramalingam, Chairman & Managing Director, BEL.

Upekkha's 'Up Funds' invests in 8 SaaS start-ups to fuel industry growth

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ Bengaluru

IN a bid to fuel Indian-origin SaaS (Software as a service) growth, an early-stage fund, Up Funds, by Upekkha Value SaaS Accelerator, has invested in eight SaaS start-ups.

It aims to invest $10 million in 100 start-ups every year. The funding between $100-200k per start-up will help founders overcome early-stage growth bottlenecks.

The funded start-ups are cloud security automation platform Kloudle, VideoForm that helps brands engage with customers via personalised videos in a post-pandemic world; IOTRL that helps health & safety heads of enterprises reduce road accidents across field sales and service teams and Urban AI that uses computer vision to capture data points needed by urban planners.

It has also funded Enrich-Video that works with banks and wealth management firms to create engagement solutions; Bynry, a cloud-based platform for small & mid-sized utilities; GOVeva that offers next-gen digital board management solutions to enterprises; and Ocean Frogs, a sales intelligence platform for SaaS companies.

In 2020, India SaaS had 1000 funded companies, with a combined revenue of $2-3 billion and also employed nearly 40,000 people.

"By 2030, the sector is slated to grow to a $1 trillion valuation, with a combined revenue of $50-70 billion and will generate 5 lakh new employment. Early stage investors like Up Funds will fuel the growth momentum," Prasanna Krishnamoorthy, Co-founder and Partner of Upekkha said.

Upekkha launched Up Funds in January 2021.

Over the last 4 years, it has accelerated over 70 start-ups, of which, six have crossed $1 million in ARR.

Uprekkha's investors include Freshworks CEO Girish Mathrubootham, G2 Crowd CEO Godard Abel, Grasshopper Founder David Hause and Vymo CEO Yamini Bhat, among others.

India's (Software as a service) SaaS ecosystem

In 2020, India (Software as a service) SaaS had 1,000 funded companies, with a combined revenue of $2-3 billion. The country also employed nearly 40,000 people. By 2030, the SaaS sector is slated to grow to a $1 trillion valuation, with a combined revenue of $50-70 billion and will generate 5 lakh new employment.

Bajrang may tie up with Ukrainian coach Stadnik

Star Indian wrestler Bajrang Punia has decided to split with Georgian coach Shako Bentinidis and may hire Beijing Olympics bronze medallist Andriy Stadnik if talks with the Ukrainian succeed. Under the guidance of Bentinidis, the 27-year-old Bajrang won an Olympic bronze medal in Tokyo, 2018 Asian Games gold and a bronze medal at the 2019 world championship.

SHAHRUKH DELIVERS A SUPERHIT

TN batter hits last-ball six to help side retain SMAT against Karnataka in tense final

ASHIM SUNAM @ Bengaluru

Tamil Nadu players celebrate with the Syed Mushtaq Ali Trophy in New Delhi

THE celebrations said it all. As Shahrukh Khan hit the final-winning six off the last ball, the entire Tamil Nadu unit ran towards the 26-year-old in utter joy, who single-handedly powered his team to their third Syed Mushtaq Ali Trophy title. On the other hand, Karnataka players were heartbroken. Their dejected faces explained their 'so close, yet so far' story in Delhi on Monday. If Tamil Nadu defended their T20 crown, Karnataka lost a final in white-ball cricket for the first time.

One needs to give full credit to Shahrukh, who walked in when the required run rate was around the 14 run-mark in the 16th over. The confident batter took the game to the last two overs, where they needed 30. One look at the Tamil Nadu dugout and there was a sense of belief with Shahrukh, who scored 15-ball 33, including one four and three sixes. The final went right down to wire as Tamil Nadu needed five in the last ball, and the batter hit a six over deep square leg to establish himself as one of the best finishers in domestic cricket. He has come up with such late finishes in the past too.

One can also add that the pressure of the final got to Karnataka at the end with Darshan MB bowling loose deliveries in the 17th over. Also, four easy byes conceded by BR Sharath and wides by Prateek Jain in the 19th and the 20th over respectively also hurt Karnataka.

However, it was a game, which ebbed and flowed in both directions. Karnataka, who was asked to bat first, got off to a worst possible start as they were reduced to 32/3 inside the powerplay with slow left-arm Sai Kishore (3/12) scalping the big fishes, including Manish Pandey and Rohan Kadam while Sanjay Yadav dismissed Karun Nair. Karnataka were in dire need of someone to play a special innings.

Abhinav Manohar, who has been the find of the tournament, gradually steadied the sinking ship with his 37-ball 46 before being dismissed in the 17th over. With three overs to go, Praveen Dubey (33) and J Suchith (18) helped shift to the momentum with a strong finish to end up with a respectable 153/6.

Tamil Nadu opener Hari Nishanth looked in great hurry to finish the game as the left-hander was scoring runs briskly. However after his dismissal, run-scoring became difficult with Karnataka spinners, primarily KC Carriappa and J Suchith bowling a tight line and length. Tamil Nadu were not helped with N Jagadeesan struggling. He was going at a strike rate under 100.

The Karnataka bowlers were so disciplined as they did not concede a single boundary for more than eight overs in succession during the middle overs. Even the highly dependent skipper Vijay Shankar, despite his attempts, failed to score quickly. Surprisingly his 22-ball stay did not have a single boundary. With the required run rate gradually inching above the 12 and the 13-run mark, Karnataka looked favourites to secure their third SMA Trophy, but Shahrukh had some other plans.

The game changed after Shahrukh came to the middle, and as they say, rest is history.

Brief scores: Karnataka 151/7 in 20 ovs (Manohar 46, Sai Kishore 3/12) bt Tamil Nadu 153/6 in 20 ovs (Jagadeesan 41, Shahrukh 33 n.o, Cariappa 2/23).

FINISHER

'I'd the belief to finish it'

VENKATA KRISHNA B @ Chennai

THIS was a blockbuster penned by Shahrukh Khan. When the hero walked in, Tamil Nadu needed 57 off 28 deliveries to win the Syed Mushtaq Ali T20 title for the second year running. In no time, the equation came down to 22 off seven deliveries. This was only going away from Tamil Nadu. The only hope was Shahrukh, their designated finisher. There was a reason that at the previous IPL player auctions, Punjab Kings spent ₹5.25 crores to acquire him. On Monday, this was still a herculean task, even for Shahrukh who has bailed TN out of similar circumstances. His team were up against it. Their opponents, coming into the final, had won 10 such consecutive matches across all competitions since the 2013-14 season.

The story was going in similar direction until Shahrukh walked in after opener N Jagadeesan fell for a 46-ball 41 in the 16th over. From being 44/1 at the end of powerplay, TN managed only 51 runs in the next nine overs. "Actually only when I went in, I realised how tough it was to score on that pitch," Shahrukh said. "Only after I connected a couple of balls, I thought, hold on, these guys have actually done a good job. Yes the run-rate was low, but if they didn't stitch that partnership, I wouldn't have been able to finish it off," Shahrukh told this daily.

Even though the asking rate nearly touched 14, there was a sense of calmness in his approach. For all the madness he brings to the table, he is a calm figure. "I gave myself only two balls to get my eye in and I knew fast bowlers (Karnataka's weak link) were going to come on. The plan was to take the game deep because I'd the belief to finish it. Of course, you could succumb under pressure when taking it deep, but as long as you have belief, it is fine," he said.

With 22 needed off seven, instead of taking a single to retain strike, Shahrukh hit a six off Vidhyadhar Patil and with 10 needed off four balls, he took a single again to bring Sai Kishore on strike. "Those were calculated ones because with a left-arm pacer bowling (Prateek Jain), Sai had a chance and there is no point in finishing it alone. I knew I'd do it, but you need to pick the moment. Five needed of one ball, anything can happen. But it was important I stayed 100 per cent calm and not even 99 per cent would have helped," Shahrukh added.

Full story: newindianexpress.com

IOC interview with Peng raises even more questions

AFP @ Beijing

OUT of public view for almost three weeks, Chinese tennis player Peng Shuai has appeared in a video call with International Olympic Committee President Thomas Bach.

The IOC and the Chinese government would like this to be the end of the Peng saga, which has run since Nov. 2 when she accused former vice premier Zhang Gaoli of sexual assault.

That may be wishful thinking on their part.

The interview offered few details, no follow-ups on her allegations, and invited more questions for the IOC, Peng, and China.

It seems unlikely to satisfy Steve Simon, the chairman and CEO of the Women's Tennis Association, who has been blunt in criticizing China and has threatened to pull all top-tier WTA events from the country.

Even after the IOC video was published Sunday, the WTA repeated what Simon has been saying for more than a week, calling for a full, fair, and transparent investigation "without censorship". According to the IOC, Peng held a 30-minute call with Bach.

LESSONS AND FEEDBACK

A warhorse shone while an IPL find showed he can cut it at this level. Some of the impressions from the three-match T20I series between India & NZ

HARSHAL, A GOOD BACKUP FOR T20

After an impressive IPL, Harshal Patel, who took four wickets at an average of 12.75, has made the most of the three-match T20I series in the absence of senior pacers. The team management might have noted his ability to bowl at the death and take wickets regularly with the T20 World Cup next year.

ASHWIN THE MAN

With incredible control, variation and his intelligence, Ravichandran Ashwin proved to be one of the best bowlers for India in the series. The off-spinner has shown the new team management his ability to lead the spin attack in the shortest format too. With the Test series starting on Friday, the man from Tamil Nadu will be oozing with confidence.

NO SUBSTITUTE FOR WILLIAMSON

Kane Williamson was a big miss for New Zealand and it has proved they are pretty much helpless without his leadership and batting skills at the top. Barring Martin Guptill, no one even accumulated more than 100 runs, which led to their downfall as the middle order batters including Tim Seifert and Glenn Phillips failed miserably.

NOT FAIR ON NZ

November 14: New Zealand played Australia in the T20 World Cup final in the UAE. Nov 17: They were in India to play against India. To be fair, there was no breathing space for the Kiwis, who featured in three T20Is in a span of five days.

5.25 Among bowlers, who bowled more than seven overs, R Ashwin was the most economical bowler of the series

EXPRESS READ

Harmanpreet named in WBBL Team of the Tournament

ADELAIDE: Indian T20 skipper Harmanpreet Kaur has been named in the Women's Big Bash League's official 'Team of the Tournament' after her stellar all-round performance for Melbourne Renegades this season. Kaur has shone bright with both bat and ball for the Renegades, scoring 399 runs with three half-centuries. The 32-year-old was brilliant with the ball in the power play and has snared 15 wickets.

Pak clean sweep B'desh

DHAKA: Pakistan completed a clean sweep over Bangladesh in their T20I series, winning the third and final game by five wickets on Monday. Bangladesh totalled a mediocre 124-7 but a slow approach meant Pakistan needed eight runs off the final six balls.

Sindhu leads India's charge at Indonesia Open

BALI: PV Sindhu and Kidambi Srikanth would look for a consistent show when they compete at the $850,000 Indonesia Open starting on Tuesday. Just days after their semifinal finishes at Indonesia Masters Super 750, they will begin their campaign at the World Tour Super 1000 event in their quest for title. Sindhu will begin her campaign against Japan's Aya Ohori. She may face Canada's Michelle Li in the quarterfinals if she can cross the early rounds.

LOCAL EXPRESS

Karnataka to meet TN in Santosh Trophy qualifiers

BENGALURU: Karnataka are set to open their Santosh Trophy South Zone qualfiers campaign against Tamil Nadu at the Bangalore Football Stadium on Tuesday. They are in Group A, which includes Andhra Pradesh, Telangana and Tamil Nadu. Biby Joseph, Karnataka's coach could not have all his boys together for a long period due to BDFA Super Division League and the AIFF Futsal. "Though we could not train as a team together for long, the players are all match fit as they have been playing in various competitions," the coach said.

SAI seeks details of wrestlers' akhadas

FIROZ MIRZA @ Chennai

EXPECT yet another face-off between the Sports Authority of India (SAI) and Wrestling Federation of India (WFI) even as the latter gears up to send two teams (two wrestlers in each weight category) for the Commonwealth Wrestling Championships.

The federation though has made it clear that it will bear the cost of only one team, sources informed the SAI has asked the WFI to furnish details of akhadas the chosen wrestlers hail from.

The authorities had clashed last month when the SAI had decided to send selected wrestlers for the U-23 World Championships at government cost asking the WFI to bear expenses of the remaining lot. At that time, the SAI had cleared the names of 24 wrestlers out of 30.

Interestingly, this time WFI wants to send two teams comprising 60 wrestlers (20 each in men's freestyle, Greco-Roman and women's wrestling). Wrestlers, who finished first and second in the recently-concluded nationals, have been chosen for the tournament, which is scheduled in Pretoria, South Africa from December 3 to 5.

"The SAI asked us to furnish details of akhadas selected wrestlers hail from. Even we don't have that details as the team has been chosen following the nationals wherein the wrestlers represent their respective states or employers," a WFI source told this daily.

Notably, upset over exclusion by the SAI for the U-23 Worlds, a few wrestlers had moved the Delhi High Court last month. Hearing their plea, the court had issued notice to the SAI, WFI and ministry of youth affairs and sports.

"The wrestlers are scheduled to leave in batches with Greco-Roman grapplers departing first followed by women and men's freestyle wrestlers. We have to arrange for their tickets accordingly," added the source.

Sangeeta to skip

Meanwhile, Sangeeta Phogat, who clinched 62kg gold in the nationals, decided to skip the international meet because of pain in her knee. Manisha replaced Sangeeta in the squad.

New chapter begins for Chennaiyin

MARTIN JOSEPH @ Kochi

EVEN before a ball was kicked in the new season, Chennaiyin FC made news after the announcement of Anirudh Thapa as the captain. Under one of India's leading footballers, Chennaiyin is looking to the 23-year-old to be their leading light for the future after a forgettable few seasons where they looked lost. A new head coach is also at the helm with Bozidar Bandovic expected to take the former champions back to their glory days.

The Marina Machans start their new campaign against the young and exuberant Hyderabad FC at the GMC Athletic Stadium in Bambolim on Tuesday.

After a few years where the two-time champions saw other sides dominate the league and overtaking them, it remains to be seen if they are genuine title contenders this time out.

Chennaiyin has been a force to reckon with in the ISL, but having struggled to mount any serious challenge for the title in recent seasons, their head coach does not want to plan too far ahead and is primarily focused on the assignment against Hyderabad.

"In my coaching career, we go game by game. So for us, the most important thing is the first game tomorrow. After that, we can think about the next ones. Of course, this club has set the targets by themselves. When you come into a team which has been champions, it's always high targets and high expectations. We want to go game by game and be in the top-four," said the 52-year-old ahead of the match on Monday.

In a bid to freshen up the squad, Chennaiyin made five new foreign signings with only Rafael Crivellaro getting retained from last season.

Besides the foreigners, a lot will be expected from the likes of Thapa and Lallianzuala Chhangte who are now senior members of the dressing room. The likes of Jobby Justin and Naryan Das could also form the Indian core for the side and take leadership roles within the side to support Thapa.

"Everyone has to guide the younger players, not only me. Every player who is experienced, he guides the younger players and obviously the other players as well, because that's how we will improve. That's how every player will improve, helping each other on and off the field," said Thapa.

Full story: newindianexpress.com

Real go top with Granada win, Sociedad draw Valencia

AFP @ Madrid

VINICIUS JUNIOR scored his 10th goal of the season as Real Madrid thrashed Granada [illegible — overprinted text]

Docked for no vaccine

Bayern Munich's woes over players unvaccinated against the coronavirus deepened Sunday with four more unimmunised players joining Joshua Kimmich in quarantine.

Hours after reports emerged that the club was docking the pay of unvaccinated players put in quarantine, Bayern said Serge Gnabry, Jamal Musiala, Eric Maxim Choupo-Moting and Michael Cuisance also had to be isolated over contact with an individual who tested positive.

CHAMPIONS LEAGUE

Benfica's players take part in a training session at Benfica's Campus training camp ground on Monday, on the eve of their CL match against Barcelona | AFP

CRUNCH TIME FOR BARCA, UNITED

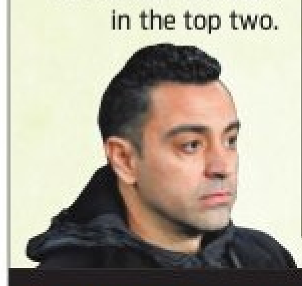
All eyes will again be on Manchester United and Barcelona as they fight to stay in the Champions League. A look at Tuesday night's fixtures

ACID TEST FOR MAN UNITED

Ole Gunnar Solskjaer is gone but Man United's could compound if they lose this game in Spain. They are top but they could conceivably finish in third place if results don't go their way. This will be the first of Michael Carrick's few games in charge and it will be fascinating to see how they go. They ought to stay in this competition if they hope to attract a good interim boss till the end of the season.

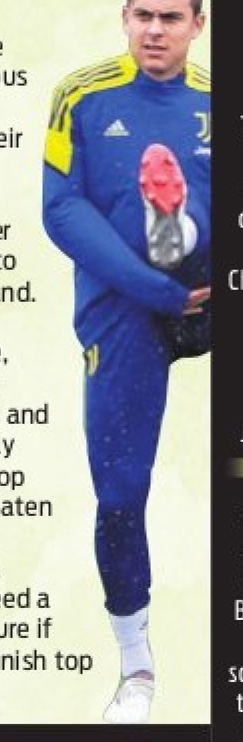
Pressure on new boss Xavi

New boss, Xavi, had a good beginning, winning against Espanyol. This, though, is likely to be a bigger test. They are second but with Bayern still to come they will want to wrap up qualification in this game. If they fail to win, then they could still drop out of the race to finish in the top two.



Big match for Chelsea

The Blues have looked imperious in the Premier League and their game against the Serie A giants will offer more clues as to where they stand. After an early season wobble, Juventus have picked up wins and are comfortably placed in the top spot having beaten Chelsea in the reverse fixture. Chelsea will need a win in this fixture if they want to finish top of the group.



1 The only goal Chelsea conceded in the Champions League this season was to Juventus

2 Barcelona have scored only two goals so far in their four games in Europe, both in 1-0 wins

FIXTURES (1.30 AM ON WEDNESDAY UNLESS SPECIFIED)

Group E: Dynamo Kyiv vs Bayern Munich 11.15 pm, Barcelona vs Benfica, **Group F:** Villarreal vs Manchester United 11.15 pm, Young Boys vs Atalanta, **Group G:** Sevilla vs Wolfsburg , Lille vs RB Salzburg, Group H: Chelsea vs Juventus, Malmo vs Zenit. **Sony Ten Sports Networks**

Zverev wins second ATP Finals title

AFP @ Turin

ALEXANDER Zverev captured his second ATP Finals title after producing a brilliant performance to defeat world number two Daniil Medvedev 6-4, 6-4 in Sunday's final in Turin. Zverev, the Olympic singles gold medallist in Tokyo, won his tour-leading sixth trophy of the season and ended a run of five straight losses to defending champion Medvedev.

The German third seed broke once in each set as he swept US Open winner Medvedev aside in 75 minutes to add to the season-ending crown he won in 2018. "It was great, I won the ATP Finals against someone I'd lost to five times in a row so I had to play one of my best matches," said Zverev.

"I'm happy with that and ready to go on holidays with this win now." Zverev will skip the Davis Cup finals to be played in Madrid, Turin and Innsbruck from November 25 to December 5. "There's no better way to end the season than winning here so obviously I'm incredibly happy. But I'm now very much looking forward to next year already," he said.

An event this year missing both Roger Federer and Rafael Nadal, the ATP Finals have proved the breakout stage for tennis' new generation with the Grand Slams still largely beyond their reach. This first final since the tournament's relocation from London was also the first to feature two players aged 25 or younger since 2005.

Scientists in Singapore have assembled the world's largest and highest-resolution atlas of gastric cancer. The atlas provides, at the level of single cells, new insights into how gastric cancers progress.

Pfizer and BioNTech said Monday their Covid-19 vaccine remained 100% effective in ages 12 to 15, four months after the second dose. The trial data from 2,228 people will help in getting the vaccine full approval, they said.

Oz allows entry for vaccinated foreign students

HEALTH

The Australian government expects 200,000 vaccinated foreign students and skilled workers will soon return without quarantining when the country further relaxes pandemic restrictions next week.

From Dec. 1, students, skilled workers and travelers on working vacations will be allowed to land at Sydney and Melbourne airports without needing to seek exemptions from a travel ban, Prime Minister Scott Morrison said Monday.

"The return of skilled workers and students to Australia is a major milestone in our pathway back, it's a major milestone about what Australians have been able to achieve and enable us to do," Morrison said.

The government expects 200,000 arrivals in the two categories by January, he said.

Vaccinated citizens of Japan and South Korea will also be allowed in without quarantining, as well as people on humanitarian visas.

But the government has yet to decide when general tourists will be allowed to return.

"I think Australians are very keen to see us take this step-by-step approach," Morrison said. "They've been through a lot and they've sacrificed a lot to ensure that we can open safely so we can stay safely open," he added.

While vaccinated travelers will be able to arrive without quarantining in New South Wales and Victoria, Australia's most populous states, parts of the country with lower vaccination rates still impose pandemic restrictions at state lines.

Australia first reopened its border to quarantine-free travelers on Nov. 1 after 20 months of some draconian pandemic restrictions.

EXFILE • TECHNOLOGY

CAMERA THAT CAN SEE THROUGH YOU

Sci-fi literature is replete with references of spectacles that help the wearer see through the clothing of adversaries. Turns out, the writers may have been prescient as researchers have developed a powerful holographic camera that can see through (and around) almost anything, including corners, fog and even human flesh. The implications of the technology are significant as it could be commercially developed for vehicular, defense and even medical uses. Here's how it works

THE TECHNOLOGY

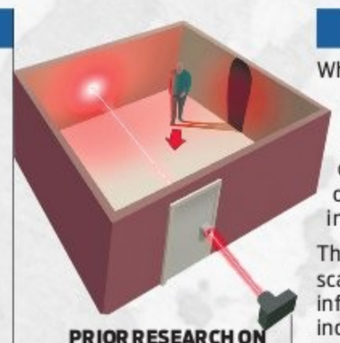
This is a relatively new field of research, known as **non-line-of-sight (NLoS)** imaging, and this technique can rapidly capture full-field images of large areas

It does so with submillimeter precision, a level of resolution that an AI-driven camera could use to see through the skin, and see even the smallest capillaries working

An algorithsm reconstructs the scattered light thrown by objects outside our line of sight and then reconstructs them on a computer

Due to its high resolution, the method also has potential to image fast-moving objects, such as a beating heart through the chest or speeding cars around a street corner

It could be replace endoscopes used in medical and industrial imaging by using light to see around the folds inside the intestines, instead of sending a flexible camera for a colonoscopy procedure



PRIOR RESEARCH ON NON-LINE-OF-SIGHT

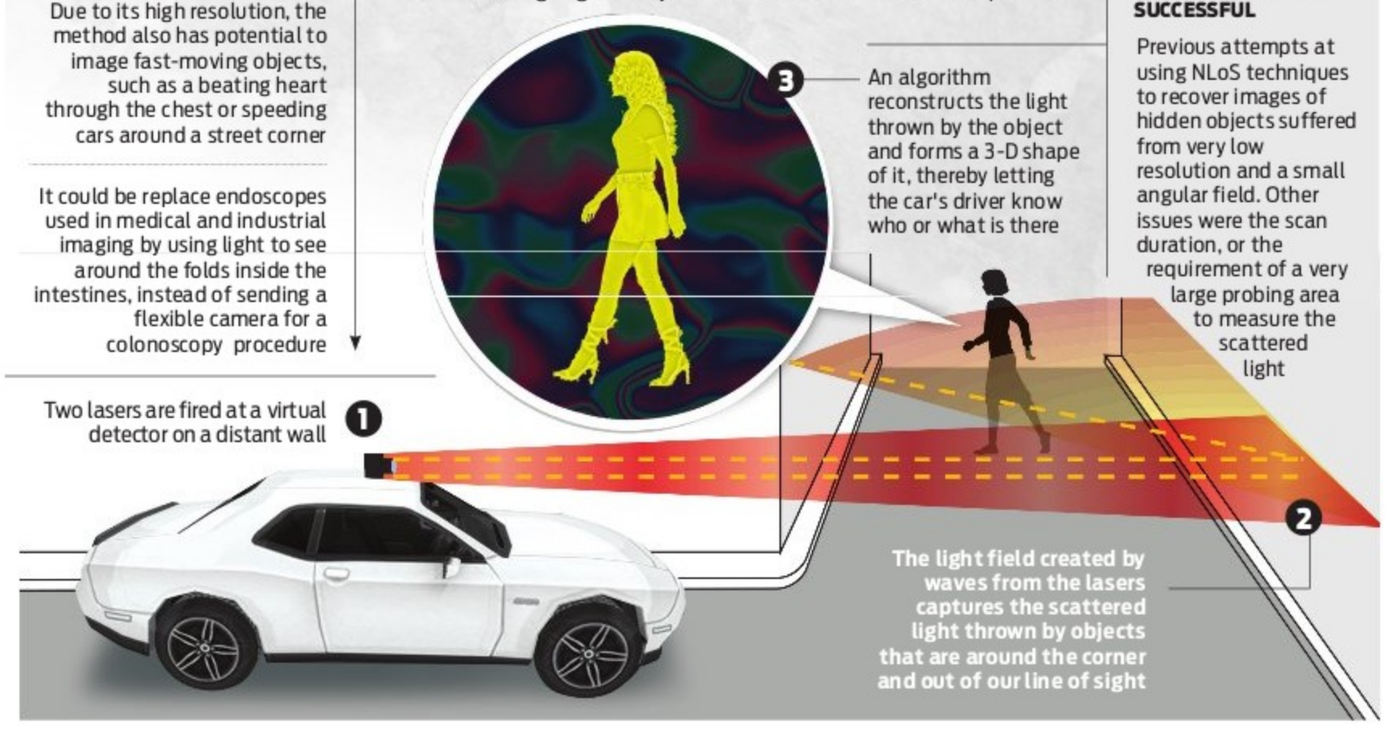
In September, Stanford researchers had come up with a keyhole imaging technique (see image above) that lets people outside shine a laser through keyhole to find out what's inside a room without going in

THE NITTY-GRITTY

Whether it is to see around a corner, or look at a pumping heart inside the body, the solutions are actually closely related, researchers said. This is because both rely on scattering media, in which light hits an object and scatters in a way that a direct image is no longer possible

The goal of the project was to intercept scattered light in order to reconstruct the information contained within the light, including its time of travel. Nothing is faster than the speed of light, so if you want to measure the time with high precision, then you need extremely fast detectors

The team wanted to find a way to get rid of fast detectors, and did so by merging light waves from two lasers in order to generate a synthetic light wave. This can be tailored to holographic imaging. If you can capture the entire light field of an object in a hologram, you can then reconstruct its 3D shape in full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An algorithm reconstructs the light thrown by the object and forms a 3-D shape of it, thereby letting the car's driver know who or what is there
An algorithm reconstructs the scattered light
Two lasers are fired at a virtual detector on a distant wall
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The light field created by waves from the lasers captures the scattered light thrown by objects that are around the corner and out of our line of sight

BUILT BY
Northwestern University in Evanston, Illinois

TECHNIQUE
Synthetic wavelength holography (SWH)

SWH
A holographic representation of hidden or obscured targets

WAVELENGTH
Infrared

STATUS
A decade away from commercial exploitation

INTENDED USES

Cars, CCTV and even as a medical scanner

WHY EARLIER ATTEMPTS WERE NOT SUCCESSFUL

Previous attempts at using NLoS techniques to recover images of hidden objects suffered from very low resolution and a small angular field. Other issues were the scan duration, or the requirement of a very large probing area to measure the scattered light

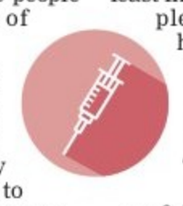
Vaccinating kids may help prevent new virus strains

US research models show 8 lakh infections could be averted if children are given shots

HEALTH

LOUISVILLE: Each infection — whether in an adult in Yemen or a kid in Kentucky — gives the virus another opportunity to mutate. Protecting a new, large chunk of the population anywhere in the world limits those opportunities.

Vaccinating kids also means reducing silent spread, since most have no or mild symptoms when they contract the virus. When the virus spreads unseen, scientists say, it also goes unabated. And as more people contract it, the odds of new variants rise.



Researchers disagree on how much kids have influenced the course of the pandemic. Early research suggested they didn't contribute much to viral spread. But some experts say children played a significant role this year spreading contagious variants such as alpha and delta.

Getting kids vaccinated could make a real difference going forward, according to estimates by the Covid-19 Scenario Modeling Hub, a collection of university and medical research organizations that consolidates models of how the pandemic may unfold.

The hub's latest estimates show that for this November through March 12, 2022, vaccinating 5- to 11-year-olds would avert about 430,000 COVID cases in the overall US population if no new variant arose. If a variant 50% more transmissible than delta showed up in late fall, 860,000 cases would be averted, "a big impact," said project co-leader Katriona Shea, of Pennsylvania State University.

Delta remains dominant for now, accounting for more than 99% of analysed coronavirus specimens in the United States. Scientists aren't sure exactly why. Dr. Stuart Campbell Ray, an infectious disease expert at Johns Hopkins University, said it may be intrinsically more infectious, or it may be evading at least in part the protection people get from vaccines or having been infected before. Ray said delta is "a big family" of viruses, and the world is now swimming in a sort of "delta soup."

"We have many lineages of delta that are circulating in many places with no clear winners," Ray said, adding that it's hard to know from genetic features which might have an edge, or which non-delta variants might dethrone delta.

"I often say it's like seeing a car parked on the side of the road with racing slicks and racing stripes and an airfoil on the back and a big engine," Ray said. "You know it looks like it could be a real contender, but until you see it on the track with other cars, you don't know if it's going to win."

Another big unknown: Dangerous variants may still arise in largely-unvaccinated parts of the world and make their way to India.

FACT OF THE MATTER

Ideas for lunar nuclear reactor

SPACE

If anyone has a good idea on how to put a nuclear fission power plant on the moon, the US government wants to hear about it. NASA and the nation's top federal nuclear research lab on Friday put out a request for proposals for a fission surface power system. NASA is collaborating with the U.S. Department of Energy's Idaho National Laboratory to establish a sun-independent power source for missions to the moon by the end of the decade. "Providing a reliable, high-power system on the moon is a vital next step in human space exploration, and achieving it is within our grasp," Sebastian Corbisiero, the Fission Surface Power Project lead, said.

Tracker for Earth's water

GEOLOGY

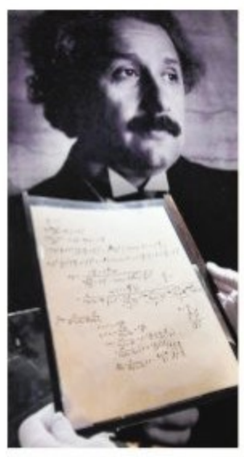
An international team of engineers and technicians has finished assembling a next-generation satellite that will make the first global survey of the Earth's surface water and study fine-scale ocean currents. The Surface Water and Ocean Topography (SWOT) mission is scheduled for launch in November 2022, and the final set of tests on the spacecraft have started, according to a statement by NASA. The SUV-size satellite will collect data on the height of the Earth's salt and fresh water -- including oceans, lakes and rivers -- enabling researchers to track the volume and location of water around the world.

Theory of relativity doc to fetch millions

PHYSICS

PARIS: A rare manuscript by theoretical physicist Albert Einstein goes under the hammer in Paris on Tuesday, with auctioneers aiming for a stratospheric price tag.

The manuscript, containing preparatory work for Einstein's key achievement the theory of relativity, is estimated at between two and three million euros (2.3-3.4 million), according to Christie's which is hosting the sale on behalf of the Aguttes auction house.



"This is without a doubt the most valuable Einstein manuscript ever to come to auction," Christie's said in a statement.

The 54-page document was handwritten in 1913 and 1914 in the city of Zurich, Switzerland, by Einstein and his colleague and confidant, Swiss engineer Michele Besso.

Christie's said it was thanks to Besso that the manuscript was preserved for posterity.

This was "almost like a miracle" since the German-born genius himself would have been unlikely to hold on to what he considered to be a simple working document, Christie's said.

Today, the paper offers "a fascinating plunge into the the mind of the 20th century's greatest scientist", it said.

Einstein, who died in 1955 aged 76 and is considered to be one of the greatest physicists ever, revolutionised his field with the theory of relativity and made major contributions to quantum mechanics theory.

He won he Nobel physics prize in 1921 and was later adopted by pop culture as a genius scientist icon, helped by his trademark unruly hair, moustache and bushy eyebrows.

UK to make EV charging points compulsory

TECHNOLOGY

Britain will make electric car chargers compulsory for new buildings in England from 2022, as it switches away from high-polluting vehicles, Prime Minister Boris Johnson said on Monday.

Johnson, fresh from hosting the COP26 climate change summit, told business leaders that he will legislate to compel charging points in new homes, supermarkets and workplaces in England, as part of his carbon-slashing plans.

The new legislation will create 145,000 new charging points per year and apply also to major renovation projects.

"We will require new homes and buildings to have electric vehicle charging points," Johnson told the annual gathering of the Confederation of Business Industry (CBI).

The move is a step towards banning new sales of diesel and petrol cars in the UK from 2030, as part of efforts to reach net zero carbon emissions by 2050.

SMOKY HAZE

Vehicles drive along a highway as thick smog envelops Lahore, Pakistan, on Monday | AP

FULLY DIGITAL

In former ISIS stronghold, robot waiters take Iraq's Mosulites back to the future

TECHNOLOGY

MOSUL: From the rubble of Iraq's war-ravaged city of Mosul arises the sight of androids gliding back and forth in a restaurant to serve their amused clientele.

"Welcome", "We wish you a good time in our restaurant", "We would be happy to have your opinion on the quality of the service", chime the automated attendants, red eyes blinking out of their shiny blue and white exteriors.

"On television, you see robots and touch-screen tables in the United Arab Emirates, Spain and Japan," said Rami Chkib Abdelrahman, proud owner of the White Fox which opened in June.

"I'm trying to bring these ideas here to Mosul."

The futuristic servers are the result of technology developed in the northern city, erstwhile stronghold of the Islamic State jihadist group.

"We saw the concept on social media in more than one restaurant," said Abdelrahman, a dentist by profession.

Voyage to space

Occupied by IS between 2014 and 2017, the northern metropolis of Mosul still bears the scars of war.

But at dinnertime, patrons of the restaurant that is packed every night can escape from the city on a voyage through space.

An astronaut floating across the muralled wall sets the scene and views of Earth and other planets as seen from space give customers the sense of peering out through the portholes of a spaceship.

The ceilings are speckled with glowing constellations.

But the star attractions remain the two androids, sporting a scarf and black beret, shuttling back and forth across the restaurant on rails to deliver orders.

> I've travelled abroad and I've never seen anything like this, not in Turkey, Jordan or Saudi Arabia
>
> Bashar Mahmud, a 50-year-old blacksmith

As they approach, smartphones come out and children promptly line up next to them for a souvenir snapshot.

Time for a selfie

The robots are imported, Abdelrahman explained without giving the source, adding that everything in the restaurant is digital, including the 15 touch-screen tables with built-in menus.

A team from the University of Mosul's department of mechatronics -- integrating several fields of engineering as well as robotics -- was in charge of programming and connected a network and server to the restaurant.

Humans have not been completely replaced by machines. Four young waiters are busy picking up the dishes from the robots' trays and placing them on the tables.

Having dinner with his wife, Bashar Mahmud was won over. He took a selfie, smiling broadly.

"I've travelled abroad and I've never seen anything like this, not in Turkey, Jordan or Saudi Arabia," exclaimed the 50-year-old blacksmith with a salt-and-pepper beard.

A robot waiter carries the bill to patrons at the White Fox restaurant in Mosul | AFP

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DAY'S DIARY

Doctor Who debut

On November 23, 1963, *Doctor Who*, one of the longest running science fiction dramas in history made its debut on BBC1

PLOT SUMMARY

The show chronicled the adventures of an eccentric time-traveling scientist from the remote planet Gallifrey (home of Time Lords) with his granddaughter and companions

MULTIPLYING DOCTORS

Throughout the programme, the doctor character has undergone a number of regenerations with various actors portraying 12 different doctors

SWITCHING IT UP

In 2017, Jodie Whittaker was announced to take over the role of the 13th doctor, becoming the first woman to be featured in that role

Director Suni on courtroom drama

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STARTUP WATCH

BACKSTORY
Mars Petcare, a pet care company, launched ForPaws, an AI-driven crowdsourcing 'lost and found platform' for pets, in November 2021. Led by Mohit Arora, the startup aims to locate and bring back the lost pets through a network of dogs and cats identifiers.

FINANCE FUNDA
The startup is internally funded by the pet care company.

USP
Through facial recognition technology, the machine learning trains and improves in identifying the lost pet upon uploading the photo of the pet. It uses a recent photo of the pet to create a smart ID and helps identity through a network of pet lovers including pet owners, and rescuers within the city.

TARGET AUDIENCE
The startup targets pet lovers and pet owners. They have received over 5,000 downloads so far.

Mohit Arora

CITY READ

National Music Conference of BGS elects new president

Dr M Surya Prasad, renowned musicologist and columnist, was elected as the president of the 51st National Music Conference of Bangalore Gayana Samaja (BGS) recently. Prasad will be honoured with the title of 'Sangeetha Kalarathna' with a cash prize of ₹50,000, a citation and other paraphernalia on the valedictory programme which will be hon December 12.

Bank organises silver jubliee celebration

Canara Bank organised an event recently to mark the silver jubliee celebrations of Mathruchhaya Braille Resource Centre, a Braille transcribing centre. The centre is a service wing of Canara Bank Relief and Welfare Society that caters to the academic needs of the visually challenged students by transcribing text, story and general books in Braille and distributes to the blind students across Karnataka. L V Prabhakar, managing director and CEO of Canara Bank, was the chief guest at the silver jubliee celebrations.

T(R)UCKED AWAY

Since the pandemic, many food trucks in the city have either shut shop or have ventured into a cloud kitchen model

ANILA KURIAN

FOR a food-loving city like Bengaluru, before it was hit by the pandemic, it thrived with food trucks in different parts of the city. Almost all major events had food trucks parked outside, offering various cuisines from short eats to grilled items for people to try. However, from a city that almost had 60 food trucks in 2019 now only has a handful. While many shut down due to the pandemic, some of the food trucks adopted a home delivery and takeaway option to function as a restaurant instead of a mobile truck.

Siddhanth Sawkar, owner of The Spitfire BBQ Truck, is one of them who is re-thinking the way he wants to run this business. Currently managing a pizzeria called Siddy's Pizza in Yelahanka New Town, he plans to restart the truck operations by February in Indiranagar. Speaking to *CE*, he says, "I haven't operated the food truck since 2019 due to cholera scare on the food streets. But it was the pandemic that forced me to completely shut my food truck in 2020. So I started Siddy's Pizza during the lockdown."

He plans to use one of his plots in Indiranagar to station the food truck and use the parking lot as an alfresco set-up. "This way, the license that I will be using will be of a restaurant but the food truck remains as our kitchen. We have a lot of things planned for everything we want to do with The Spitfire BBQ Truck and I can't wait to get started," adds Sawkar.

Even after a few years of requesting with the government, the registered body of The Bangalore Food Trucks Association (BFTA) is still waiting for food trucks to have a proper licensing system. While the truck owners get a food safety certification, license to sell and collect GST, they are still regarded as street vendors.

Umesh Chandran, owner of Square Ruth, says it's important to have a good connection with the local police so that they can run the business. He explains, "When we started our food truck in 2016, we were in ITPL Road. We now operate as a kitchen and only do home delivery. As much as we'd like to take the truck out, it has its own challenges."

Chandran points out that since events and functions are taking place now, he has been getting calls to drive the food truck to certain locations. "It's great to know that people want the food truck experience and I've been getting plenty of calls regarding this. But I don't have enough staff to make it happen. The truck is there with me and I hope to get it operational again," he adds.

Private and corporate events are the best way for food truckers to make profits. Hailing from a hospitality background, co-owner of Mangalore in Bangalore, Sanket V Kharvi, says that the crowds are slowly picking up again. Located in Rajarajeshwari Nagar, the Mangalorean cuisine food truck is operations every evening.

Kharvi explains, "Thanks to the withdrawal of the curfew, we are able to keep our truck operational for a longer time. Food trucks in general maintain really good standards, contrary to popular beliefs and I think people understand that. Thankfully, the authorities nearby are also supportive and we've been able to have a steady business so far."

While some may be skeptical about owning food trucks now, especially during the pandemic, Kharvi says, "If you have the location figured out and the local authorities to help you out, it's a great business to run. Sometimes the restaurants that you're parked nearby can create issues but as long as you have it figured out, it's a good set-up to venture into."

(From top left) The Spitfire BBQ Truck, Mangalore in Bangalore, and Square Ruth Food Truck

> *I haven't operated the food truck since the pandemic. We'll be re-opening soon in Indiranagar as an alfresco set up*
>
> - **Siddhanth Sawkar, entrepreneur**

Six varieties of flowers, 20 different Ayurvedic trees, 18 types of fruits... meet Dr Deepak Rudrappa, who juggles between farming and medical emergencies

Down to earth

SANATH PRASAD

IT was in 2017 when **Dr Deepak Rudrappa**, consultant orthopaedic surgeon at Manipal Hospital, Yeshwanthpur, had to decide between buying a luxurious car and a farmland. Thanks to Dr Jaisheela, his wife and an ENT surgeon, he chose the latter, which has now become a lifeline to Rudrappa's family. Most of the vegetables and fruits grown at the farm make it to his family's dining table.

"I bought the two-acre land at Sondekoppa (30-km from Bengaluru) in 2017 — it was a barren land. I wanted to convert it to a mini-Lalbagh and make it home to a range of fruits, vegetables and plants with medicinal value. Currently, it houses over 16 varieties of flowers, 20 Ayurvedic trees, 18 types of fruits and three types of honey. I believe that any crop that is grown should be first consumed by birds and the leftover would be consumed by my family," says Rudrappa, who has named his farm Belli Chukki, after his twin daughters Ibbani Belli and Mingu Chukki.

From converting the barren land into an agricultural land, the last four years has seen different varieties of plants, fruits and vegetables that he has grown while also busy at the hospital during the weekdays. He does farming on weekends. The farm consists of flowers such as hibiscus, shanke pushpa, parigathe, anthurium and temple bells, among others, and a variety of honey, like cardamom, cinnamon and bay leaf. There are also star fruit, barbados cherry, avocado, lakshman phala and more available.

For Rudrappa, farming is a serious passion that translates into a self-satisfying experience. He started farming not for commercial gains or return on investments, but merely to get close to nature.

AFTER HOURS

He sources most of his seeds and Ayurvedic plants from nurseries near Nandi Hill and Hesaraghatta. He's proud to have Lakshmi Taru, an ayurvedic tree, that "helps to fight cancer" as part of his collection.

"As a doctor, days were becoming very hectic with 12-hour shifts and attending to medical emergencies. That is when I turned to farming. Growing crops and managing the farm is an acupressure that helps me de-stress. I ensure to keep all my other work aside, drive my family to the farm and enjoy the greenery around my farmland on weekends," says the 48-year-old.

Interestingly, Rudrappa's love for farming has also inspired his twin daughters who he fondly calls Belli and Chukki. He even got rid of the television set at home so that his children are nurtured without any digital devices at hand.

"I prefer to indulge them in basic farming activities rather than push them into the digital world. We don't have a TV at our home and the only getaway is during the weekends when we go to the farmland. They get to learn and understand the voluminous spread of plants and fruits hand-on," says Rudrappa.

DR. DEEPAK'S MINI-LALBAGH

FLOWERS
Hibiscus, Torch Ginger, Magnolia, Anthurium, Mexican Sunflower

FRUITS
Lakshman Phala, Star Fruit, Gooseberry, Bread Fruit, Water Apple, Paneer fruit

PLANTS
Lakshmi Taru, Cannonball tree, Silver Oak, Copper Pod Tree

THEATRE CELEBRATES DANTE'S WORK

EXPRESS FEATURES

DIRECTED by Italian award-winning director Anna Dora Dorno, Dante's *Beyond Borders* is an experimental theatre and dance performance. Co-produced in partnership with Istituto Italiano di Cultura in Mumbai, it's born from the collaboration between the Italian theatre company Instabili Vaganti and the Indian association Ahum Trust. It's inspired by the Divine Comedy of Italian Poet Dante Alighieri, on the 700th anniversary of his death.

Considered as one of the greatest works of world literature, the poem, written in the first person, tells of Dante's journey through the three realms of the dead — hell, purgatory and heaven.

The performance explores different artistic languages: experimental theatre, dance, cinema, video art, electronic music in order to bring the spectator into the otherworldly journey made by Dante.

Performed by Anna Dora Dorno, Nicola Pianzola and Anuradha Venkataraman, the play is in English and ancient Italian. The sounds of Dante's ancient Italian language meets the mudras and gestures of Bharatanatyam dance, accompanied by contemporary electronic soundscapes, originally composed by the Oscar-winning Italian musician Riccardo Nanni.

The performance aims to explore the numerous connections between Dante's work and Indian culture, from an iconographic, philosophical to theological point of view.

"Dante's *Beyond Borders* raises from the unexpected, long lockdown, where innovation and the struggle to keep up with arts and cultural collaborations were sometimes mixed with dim feelings. Finally, here we are, ready to attend to the show on stage, celebrating the power of art and the absolute beauty of real, deep exchanges between cultures, here the Italian and the Indian ones," says the director of the Istituto Italiano di Cultura Francesca Amendola.

'Dante Beyond Borders' will be showcased at Ranga Shankara from November 30 and December 1.

SOLE MATE

The CAI Store, a footwear brand, is launching a new collection of footwear, themed on 'Self Portrait: Tired and Fabulous'. The collection showcases a range of stylish collections including comfy flats, mules, heels and boots. **Check out** the collection at The CAI Store website.

DRAUGHT DEAL

Raise the glass as Gawky Goose is introducing Hoegaarden - a Belgium beer. Get the fresh mug of the house beer on Monday and Thursday. Patrons of the restaurant will also get the first mug of draught for free. **Details:** 9901787273

GARDEN TALK

Catch naturalist Vijay Thiruvady talk about his book *Lalbagh – Sultans' Garden to Public Park* and present key features of the garden. **When:** Nov 27 **Details:** Bangalore International Centre, Domlur

POT FAVOURS

Learn hand-building and wheel-throwing with this fun pottery workshop at Lahe Lahe. **When:** Till Nov 30. **Details:** bookmyshow.com

CATCH SUNDAY'S UNPLUGGED GIGS WITH BAND **SWORDFISH**. **WHEN:** NOV 28 **WHERE:** HARD ROCK CAFE, ST MARKS ROAD **TICKETS:** BOOKMYSHOW.COM

GAME TIME

If you're a Call of Duty fan, here's a chance to participate in the mobile tournament and win some prizes. **When:** Nov 27-28 **Details:** bookmyshow.com

SHOCK VALUE

Are you interested in magic? Catch Karan Singh read your mind and figure out your personal details. **When:** Till Dec 19 **Details:** bookmyshow.com

SPECIAL GIFTS

For a unique gift choice, try the VAHDAM assorted gifts sampler. Natural and pure ingredients with zero artificial flavouring, the pyramid shaped bags come in a gamut of varied flavours. **Visit:** vahdamteas.in

NORTH DELIGHT

Tiger Trail at Hotel Royal Orchid is hosting a month-long 'Kebab & Curry' festival that will give the foodies a chance to experience the flavours of the North. The festival is offering a variety of vegetarian and non-vegetarian kebabs and curries like Jimmikand ke Gullar, Rajma Galouti Kebab, Mutton Tunday, and much more. **When:** Till Nov 30 **Details:** 7899127879

MUSIC INTERNSHIP

The Indian Music Experience Museum, in collaboration with the British Council, offers internships to content developers, web designers, and developers, who aspire to be future museum professionals. Participants will be mentored by industry experts and will curate an interactive virtual exhibition on 'Birdsong'. **Stipend:** ₹ 15,000 per month **To apply:** indianmusicexperience.org

WALK THE TALK

Turn your upcoming weekend around and head to Uttari Betta for the sunrise trek and water activities. **When:** Nov 26-27 **Details:** bookmyshow.com

QUICK FIX

What's cooking

IN YOUR KITCHEN?

We are hungry for recipes with minimum ingredients and maximum flavours. Share your quick-fix with us, along with step-by-step photos, at cityexpresschn@gmail.com.

SWEET POTATO MIX

INGREDIENTS

- **Sweet potato:** 150 g
- **Red chilli flakes:** 1 tbsp
- **Mustard seeds:** 1/2 tsp
- **Urad dal:** 2 tsp
- **Asafoetida:** 1/4 tsp
- **Oil:** 1 tbsp
- **Salt** as required

METHOD

- Wash sweet potato. Cook it on open flame.
- When the skin is charred, remove from fire and allow it to cool.
- Peel the skin and mash the flesh. Temper mustard seeds, urad dal, chilli flakes, asafoetida in oil; add salt to sweet potato. Mix everything well together and it is ready to serve.

— Akila Thiyagarajan, Bengaluru

FIT BIT

BACK MUDRA

(HAND GESTURE FOR BACK PAIN)

The Back Mudra is a hand gesture used in yoga that is believed to have healing properties. It is practised to relieve back pain. This hasta (hand) mudra uses both hands. This mudra balances the energies in the body. It is even more effective if practiced in conjunction with meditation and/or pranayama. It helps to get relief from both acute and chronic back pain. It is quite different from other yoga mudras as it involves fingers of both hands entirely in different arrangements.

STEPS

- Sit in any comfortable meditation posture like, Padmasana, Siddhasana, Swastikasana, Vajrasana, etc., and place the hands on the thighs or the knees, with palms pointing upwards.
- Close your eyes and take some deep breaths with the awareness of the breathing process.
- The finger arrangement in this mudra is different for both hands; so, first let's see right hand fingers.
- Fold your small and middle finger and tap the tip of the small and middle finger to the tip of the thumb.
- The other two fingers should be kept extended as much as possible.
- The arrangement of left-hand fingers is as follows: fold your index finger and thumb, tap the tip of the index finger to the tip of the thumb.
- Rest of the three fingers should be kept extended as much as possible.
- Now, removing all thoughts from the mind, you have to focus it only on Om.
- Make sure you have the arrangements with both hands simultaneously.
- Don't decrease or increase the speed of breath.
- You can perform this pose for 35 minutes every day or for 10 to 12 minutes three times a day.

BENEFITS

- This connects us to meditation and our confidence increases.
- Relieves you of all kinds of mental disorders and addictive habits.
- Helps keep the waist thin and strong; gets rid of constipation problems.
- Cures pain in the lower back.
- Increases the flexibility of the back and makes it stronger.

LIMITATIONS

- Don't force your body to do this mudra for longer.
- If you have pain in your knees, avoid sitting in Vajrasana. Instead, you can sit in another asana.
- Should not replace this with your physical and medical treatment of the back.

By N Elumalai, PhD scholar (Yoga Science), at Meenakshi Academy of Higher Education & Research, Chennai

SOUND BOARD

CRIMETOWN

Crimetown is a series produced by Marc Smerling and Zac Stuart-Pontier in which they investigate the culture of crime of a different city in the United States of America every season.

- Available on: Spotify

ANYTHING GOES WITH EMMA CHAMBERLAIN

Thoughts, conversations, and advice on topics from relationships and dealing with failure to the trials and tribulations of being a cat mom, Anything Goes with Emma Chamberlain is raw, intimate and nothing is off limits.

- Available on: Spotify, Apple podcasts

BOOK CLUB GIRL

The Book Club Girl Podcast is a biweekly podcast on which the hosts talk about books perfectly suited for book clubs; one book each episode and an interview the author.

- Available on: Apple Podcasts

ADVERTISING IS DEAD WITH VARUN DUGGIRALA

Advertising has a bad name but if you listen to all the conversation around it, it's end-game! The show discusses developments in the business of advertising, branding, content, and media.

- Available on: Apple podcasts, Spotify

KNOW YOUR KANOON

How aware do you think you are about your laws? In this podcast, lawyer Amber Rana addresses questions from listeners and gives you insights into the various implications of the laws, rights, and sections under specific circumstances.

- Available on: IVM Podcasts, Apple podcasts

POPULAR ON YOUTUBE

ANDAMAN

Due to a misunderstanding, Monisha and Anand, a happily married couple, decide to get a divorce and fight for their daughter's affection. Soon, Monisha's friend's involvement in their dispute emerges.

- Cast: Shiva Rajkumar, Vinaya Prasad, HG Dattatreya, Shruthi Raj

RAJA RAJATHAN

Raja, a young man with visual impairment, takes it upon himself to protect Lucky after a gangster attempts to kill her. Impressed by his courage, Lucky falls in love with Raja.

- Cast: Mehreen Kaur Pirzada, Ravi Teja, Prakash Raj, Vivan Bhatena

KRISHNA-RUKKU

Grown up fighting over minute things. However, they realise they love each other just when they are about to part ways.

- Cast: Ajay Rao, Amulya, Girija Lokesh, Lekha Chandra

PALLAKKI

A young and carefree man believes that enjoying life and falling in love are more important than family. Later, he understands the realities of life when the woman he loved leaves him.

- Cast: Prem Kumar, Ramaneetu Chaudhari, Sharann, Sumithra

ORU ADAAR LOVE

With some help from his friends, a teenager begins dating his classmate. However, an incident causes a rift between them and he falls in love with his best friend.

- Cast: Priya Prakash Varrier, Mohammed Roshan, Noorin Shereef, Aneesh Menon

WHAT'S ON TED TALKS

1 CHANGING MY LEGS — AND MY MINDSET BY AIMEE MULLINS

In this TED archive video from 1998, paralympic sprinter Aimee Mullins talks about her record-setting career as a runner, and about the amazing carbon-fiber prosthetic legs (then a prototype) that helped her cross the finish line.

2 12 TRUTHS I LEARNED FROM LIFE AND WRITING BY ANNE LAMOTT

A few days before she turned 61, writer Anne Lamott decided to write down everything she knew for sure. She dives into the nuances of being a human who lives in a confusing, beautiful, emotional world, offering her characteristic life-affirming wisdom and humor on family, writing, the meaning of God, death and more.

3 WHY HUMOUR IS KEY TO CREATIVITY BY TAIKA WAITITI

In this hilarious talk, comedian and director Taika Waititi considers the factors that drive an artist to make work, arguing that creative work needs to be fueled (to some degree) by fun — and why a little humour can go a long way.

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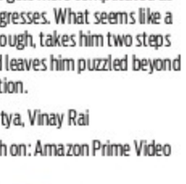

5 HELP DISCOVER ANCIENT RUINS — BEFORE IT'S TOO LATE BY SARAH PARCAK

Sarah Parcak uses satellites orbiting hundreds of miles above Earth to uncover hidden ancient treasures buried beneath our feet. There's a lot to discover; in the Egyptian Delta alone, Parcak estimates we've excavated less than a thousandth of one percent of what's out there.

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SEETHARAM BENOY (Kannada)

An inspector posted to a rural forested area becomes intrigued with the series of strange robberies and crimes in his jurisdiction and is determined to get to the root of it.

Cast: Vijay Raghavendra, Sathwik Hebbar

- Watch on: Amazon Prime Video

LIFT (Tamil)

A man's first day on the job turns into a nightmare after some vengeful spirits begin to create trouble by trapping him in an elevator.

Cast: Kavin, Amritha Iyer

- Watch on: Disney+ Hotstar

UDANPIRAPPE (Tamil)

A woman tries to establish peace in her family when her husband and her brother have an intense difference of opinion over the efficacy of the justice system.

Cast: Jyothika, Sashikumar

- Watch on: Amazon Prime Video

EE NAGARANIKI EMAINDI (Telugu)

Childhood friends Vivek, Karthik, Kaushik, and Uppi hope for careers in film-making during university but eventually give up and settle into other jobs. To earn money for a wedding, they enter Goa Short film festival and rekindle their dream.

Cast: Anisha Ambrose, Abhinav Gomatam

- Watch on: Netflix

JATHI RATNALU (Telugu)

Three young men leave their village to find decent jobs in the city. However, they find themselves in a pickle when a minister blackmails them for a lost mobile phone.

Cast: Faria Abdullah, Naveen Polishetty, Anudeep KV

- Watch on: Amazon Prime Video

All the streaming apps can be accessed on smartphones and smart TVs with Internet connection.

CHUZHAL (Malayalam)

When five youngsters visit a resort at a hill station, they begin experiencing a haunting presence of a being.

Cast: Jaffer Idukki, Nilja

- Watch on : Amazon Prime Video

MUNDUVAREDA ADHYAYA (Kannada)

Bala handles a high-profile murder case that gets more complicated as time progresses. What seems like a breakthrough, takes him two steps back and leaves him puzzled beyond imagination.

Cast: Aditya, Vinay Rai

- Watch on: Amazon Prime Video

FOREIGN

THE GREEN KNIGHT (English)

This is the story of Gawain, a knight and the nephew of King Arthur, and his encounters with the mysterious Green Knight. The mysterious knight barges into a Christmas feast held by the king and challenges anyone to land a blow on him in exchange for his fabled green axe.

Cast: Dev Patel, Alicia Vikander, Joel Edgerton, Sarita Choudhury

- Watch on: Amazon Prime Video

THE DISASTROUS LIFE OF SAIKI K (Japanese, series)

High school sophomore Kusuo Saiki swore as a child that he would keep his psychic talents hidden, but his abilities still make his life difficult.

Cast: Hiroshi Kmiya, Daisuke Ono, Nobunaga Shimakazi

- Watch on: Netflix

I KNOW WHAT YOU DID LAST SUMMER (English)

At their high school graduation, the tight-knit group of friends accidentally kill someone in a car crash and vow to keep it a secret between them instead of reporting it to the cops.

Cast: Madison Iseman, Brianne Tju

- Watch on: Amazon Prime Video

SQUID GAME (Korean, series)

Hundreds of cash-strapped contestants accept an invitation to compete in children's games for a tempting prize, but the stakes are deadly.

Cast: Ho Yeon Jung, Lee Jung-jae

- Watch on: Netflix

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MAKING AN IMPRESSION

From choosing the right location to translating the designer's ideas into compelling visual stories, fashion photography is an art in itself. Here's how they do it

MAYANK TIWARI

THERE is a lot of thought and work that goes into making a designer collection speak for itself. Of course, there is the design, fabric and craftsmanship, but a picture speaks a thousand words. Photography plays a major part, the play of lights can change the narrative and the location can either make or break the collection.

The approach towards aesthetics has changed and the collaboration between fashion designers and photographers is more complex. *CE* spoke to designers and fashion photographers about professional fashion photoshoots and what goes into it to creating an image that truly brings out the beauty of the apparel without ceasing from the story.

"I begin thinking about the presentation from the initial stage of designing. From the selection of the fabric and texture, I have to think about how it would look and what kind of appeal it will have through the photographs," says Ganesh Nallari, who runs Chic Pea Studios.

According to him, presenting the design through photographic display is equally important as designing. "The process to achieve a perfect fashion photo is complex because two minds work together to attain it. The picture has to tell the story and not mess with the display of the apparel," says Nallari.

These days, both photographers and designers are breaking the rules to get perfect pictures. Most of them, instead of grandiose and ornate backdrops — which were preferred until recently for ethnic wear — are opting for dull backdrops. "We want a grandiose-royal setup, but the grandeur is lost (such as ruins and deserted historical sites). Through these places, the grandeur of the apparel is highlighted and the intricacy with which the design is achieved. The backdrop exists — it is not blurred out, but is dull," says Harpreet Singh, a freelance fashion photographer.

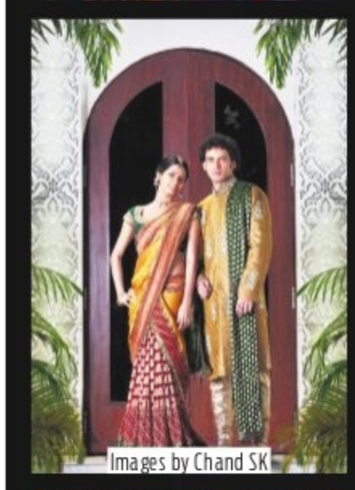
Without a proper theme, the clothes wouldn't tell the story which they meant to. The photographer decides the visual appeal and the theme. "It takes contrast to make the apparel stand out from the noise in the background. I use colour theory and find complementary colours to accentuate the background, yet keep it in sync with the apparel," says Fahad Amjad, a fashion photographer.

"A good story includes a lot of characters apart from the main one. Photographers need to use accessories, lighting, background and a location to tell a compelling story," he says.

The process to achieve a perfect fashion photo is complex because two minds work together to attain it. The picture has to tell the story and not mess with the display of the apparel

— Ganesh Nallari, designer

Revanth Vojjalla's photography



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For a good drive on the road of life

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THERE is something (actually, everything) about driving or riding that reflects life itself. Those reflections can be valuable assets when applied to life and its day-to-day conduct.

More than two-and-a-half decades ago, my driving instructor told me just before the very first lesson: "First, you learn to drive, and when you have mastered it, you will realise that there are valuable lessons for life itself that you learn from driving."

Years before that, my father, one of the most skillful and safe drivers I have known, and who taught me the basics of driving, had told me: "In life, you have to be humble and modest. So too while driving. But while driving, you need to also assume that every other driver, rider or pedestrian on the road is a fool and that you are the only wise person on earth. And you drive accordingly. Only that will ensure that you drive safely, and that you don't hurt others or yourself when you are at it! Anticipating someone else doing the wrong thing that could affect you, is the key, because you will be prepared for it to avoid mishaps — just like in life!"

These words have had a deep meaning, and each time I take the wheel, the pathways to the philosophy of life open up ahead.

It goes without pointing out that life is full of problems. In fact, I do not fully agree with Forrest Gump's "My mamma always said, 'Life is like a box of chocolates. You never know what you're gonna get." Well, whichever one you get, it's still sweet, at most sweet-bitter. I prefer to think of life being more like a South Indian thali, which brings multiple tastes and flavours — you have salty, you have bitter, you have sour, you have the pungent/spicy, and you have the sweet, too. It reflects life.

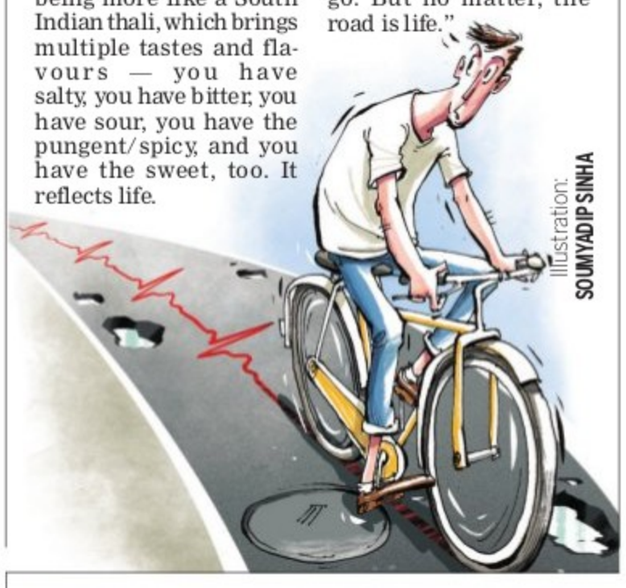
And just as in life, a road that you drive on presents a heap of problems, often unexpected. So do erratic behaviours on the part of other motorists. A lot depends on the state of the mind of individuals in control.

You need to ensure that the vehicle under your control remains within the two sides of the roads, that too in a manner that does not confuse those overtaking you or those behind you. Then, there are problems ahead that come right under you. There are potholes, speed-breakers, roads hardly asphalted, or those with asphalt worn off, all much too common in our immediate environment.

I prefer to equate these with problems posing challenges in life, and when that happens, you need to slow down to negotiate it the safest way possible.

Whether you're driving or riding, it's best to keep your eyes ahead on the road than looking behind. In life, too, we are often told to learn from our mistakes, but not let it fester in your mind to affect your present and future. The present, after all, is the crucial link between the past and the future. Many a time, while driving to a destination, I observe motorists cramming the fast lane in the hope of getting ahead of the others. Isn't it better then to take the slower lane and get ahead of the others? Like a quote I came across: "Life is like when you are driving. Sometimes you go faster by letting go of the accelerator."

There is no doubt that driving/riding plays a part in sculpting our lives — like American novelist and poet Jean-Louis Lebris de Kérouac, more famously known as Jack Kerouac, says in his book *On The Road*, "Our battered suitcases were piled on the sidewalk again; we had longer ways to go. But no matter, the road is life."



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Four reasons to learn how to play drums

TUNING IN
Bindu & Ambi Subramaniam

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WE'VE said this multiple times but we can't stress this enough — starting your musical journey at any age is a great idea. Whether you want to reconnect with singing or learn a musical instrument, there are many benefits of introducing music to your day.

We recently marked World Percussion Day. In the spirit of the celebrations, here are some of our top four reasons why you should consider learning to play the drums:

It is a stress reliever: Even playing for a few minutes helps you release stress and puts you in a better mood. Some studies have shown that your brain releases feel-good endorphins after playing. This is because of the physical stimulation of playing the drums and the sound vibrations that resonate through you. It is a fun and cathartic experience that has shown to have a positive effect on anxiety and grief.

It is a powerful tool of self-expression: Every instrument has its own exercise in creativity and getting in touch with your emotions. The drums are a unique way to help you understand your emotions better.

Playing the drums is tied to math: There is math involved in drumming. There are numbers and intervals that you need to understand better if you want to get better at keeping rhythm. It is a fun way to exercise the "math" part of your brain.

It builds motor skills: Playing the drums means coordinating between your brain, your hands, and the rest of your body movements as well. Drumming helps build dexterity, ability to react, respond faster and the ability to listen better.

Bonus: It is a great workout!

A recent study found that a drummer needs to put in as much physical work at a rock concert as an athlete in a competitive sport. Drumming can burn an average of 270 calories in just 30 minutes. Even if you're not trying to burn calories, playing the drums is a fun way to move and break a sweat, and a fun workout.

Any form of percussion is a fun and interesting way to exercise the "numbers" part of your brain, while also engaging your whole body and overall relieving anxiety. If you're leaning towards exploring a percussion instrument, today is a great day to begin.

LOVEOLOGY
Mahesh Natarajan

(The author is a counsellor with InnerSight)

The opportunity to take it back

EVERY now and then, somebody you love and care for deeply might just say something deeply judgmental, hurtful, contemptuous or just plain mean. When they come at an unexpected moment when you are just being yourself, doing nothing that you thought was controversial or hurtful, can cut through your defences and touch a raw nerve, triggering an immediate reaction that usually ends up exacerbating the situation. It is like when you are just walking along merrily and you have suddenly stepped on a possible land mine — the temptation is to immediately take your foot back but if you do that, it is likely to blast and create a lot of damage. You can't go on either. You have to stay there and address the situation knowing the situation is explosive and you need all the calmness you can muster.

These explosive situations might occur in long term relationships where you know each other deeply and like the old saying goes, all that familiarity has bred some contempt, possibly even without you recognising that contempt has been building up. On some random Friday, that contempt might burst through in a thoughtless statement that hurts the other, when you have been having just a regular old conversation.

Any reaction could lead to a bitter conflict, but let's consider an alternate scenario — you pause, take a deep breath, take that moment and offer it to this person you care for, telling them, "I am going to pause and give you this moment to think about what you just said".

Hopefully, it stops them in their tracks, and they can check in on what they were saying and why you'd want them to take it back. If they get it, great — they might reframe their thoughts and you can go on having a good day. If they don't, but care enough to want to reflect and ask you, "Hey, I'll take it back but can you tell me what was offensive?" Then, you could share what was offensive — maybe they were judgmental, controlling, or applying their morals/ values on you without taking the time to understand where you are coming from. It can be a moment where you both learn and the relationship deepens.

Sometimes though, they might come back with, "You keep your moments to think to yourself! I mean exactly what I said!" It would then take monumental patience to still hold yourself and stay calm. Chances are you might just chuck it all, get ticked off big time and you get in guns blazing. When that happens, everybody loses.

These opportunities to pause, reflect and take back hurtful comments or actions aren't easy to give or take, and certainly not easy to hold it open consistently, but they are essential. If you can offer them, do so. When you get them, take that time. Otherwise, relationships might fall to the contempt that familiarity brings, even when there was no real intent to hurt each other.

CITY READ

Education institute conducts graduation day for 2020-21 students

AIMS Institutes organised the graduation day for the 2020-21 batch students recently. They received their degree certificates from former Karnataka Lokayukta chief N Santosh Hegde, who was the chief guest of the event. During his speech, Hegde spoke about fighting against corruption and highlighted some of the challenging experiences he faced as a government official.

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A still from *Sakath*

'SAKATH IS NOT *ANDHADHUN*'

Director Suni talks about his upcoming comic courtroom drama, based on a reality show, the attraction in the character of Ganesh and more

A SHARADHAA

DIRECTOR Suni is a serious filmmaker. But, he often enjoys entertaining the audience with light-hearted romcoms and is also known for experimenting with fresh content. The director's next *Sakath* is a comedy courtroom drama based on a reality show and it will hit the screens on November 26.

"*Bahuparak* was a serious subject and I thoroughly enjoyed working on it. But, the film did not entertain the audience much. Though I decided to do serious films in the future, I want to induce humour into it. Fun quotient is a mandate in my films," says the director.

"The character of a blind man was the first attraction for this courtroom drama *Sakath*," he says. "The film has necessary elements like fight, love, along with other emotions," explains the director adding, "Courts always seek for an eyewitness, while dealing a case. How a blind person becomes a witness is the conflict in the script, and placing him in a courtroom setup is very new. I believe it will be an edge of the seat thriller," he tells us.

Suni clarifies to all those, who think that *Sakath* is on the lines of the Hindi film, *Andhadhun*. "It was hurtful when people started judging my script with just a few promos. Undoubtedly, *Andhadhun* was an inspiration. However, I can confidently say that *Sakath* is in no any way close to that subject. The story is based on real-life and it is different, says Suni, who adds that the idea of Ganesh's character, Baalu was based on a newspaper article sent by his friend. "It was about a youngster who identified himself as handicapped in a dance show. However, later the organisers got to know that he was normal, and the boy was caught. This gave me the spark for *Sakath*." Suni and Ganesh have previously associated with *Chamak,* which did well at the box office, and *Sakath* will be the actor and director's second combination. "Our first film, *Chamak* was a success, we hope to repeat it for the second time."

Ganesh and Suni

Suni says that *Sakath* is an imaginary story, and all the characters coming in the film are fictitious. However, the director attended a few court sessions to get a hang of it. "With the law being the underline subject, I didn't want to go wrong and even consulted a few lawyers. Even the film is a courtroom drama, we have shot in cinematic terms," says Suni. "I also got to know that today, it is not necessary that the victim should make a promise on the Bhagavad Gita," he adds.

The film has Surbhi Puranik and Nishvika playing the female lead and comedians like Rangayana Raghu, Sadhu Kokila, Kuri Pratap, Ravi Shankar Gowda and Dharamanna. *Sakath* also has Malavika Avinash playing a judge and the director shares that she gave inputs for the courtroom scenes as she is a lawyer herself.

Director Suni thanks the production house for getting the right cast for his film. "*Sakath* is my first association with KVN Productions, and they were keen that the film has the right cast."

Rider release date announced

Nikhil Kumaraswamy's next, directed by Vijay Kumar Konda, set to release on Christmas eve

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NIKHIL Kumaraswamy's *Rider* is set to release this Christmas. The commercial entertainer, which marks the Kannada debut of Telugu director Vijay Kumar Konda, will be released in theatres on December 24. An official announcement was made by the makers on various social media platforms.

Nikhil, in his previous interview with *CE*, had mentioned that Rider is a sports-based light-hearted entertainer. He added that it's been more than a decade since the audience was treated to such a subject.

Rider is jointly produced by Lahari Music in association with T Series and Shivanandi Entertainments. The film has Kashmira Paradeshi making her Kannada film debut. It also stars Sampada, Dattanna, Achyuth Kumar, Chikkanna, Shivaraj K R Pete, Rajesh Nataranga, and Anusha in prominent roles.

Rider's music is scored by Arjun Janya and cinematography is handled by Shreesha Kuduvalli.

Nikhil Kumaraswamy

Ganavi Laxman and Chakravarthy to play the lead in *Bhava Chitra*

Ganavi Laxman

Chakravarthy

The film directed by Girish Kumar has been extensively shot in various parts of Karnataka

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GANAVI Laxman, who marked her debut with Rishab Shetty's *Hero* will be next seen in *Bhava Chitra*. Said to be a 'techno-thriller' the film has her paired opposite *Yaana* hero Chakravarthy in Girish Kumar B's second directorial venture.

The makers have completed shooting and had a trailer launch event recently. The film is now in post-production and is in the process of clearing the censor board this week. According to the director, "*Bhava Chitra,* which translates to photo is also a travel film that traces the journey of an amateur photographer. The makers have extensively shot the film in various places of Karnataka. The film has music by Gautam Srivatsa, editing by the director's brother Rateesh Kumar and Ajay Kumar has handled the cinematography.

Netflix's *Arcane* renewed for second season

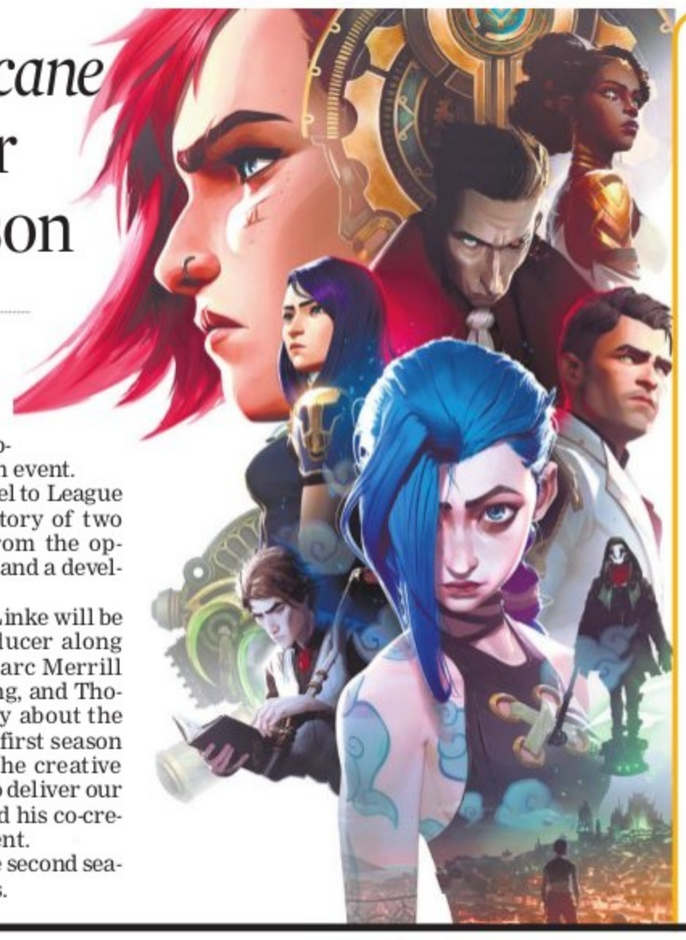
CE FEATURES

NETFLIX has renewed its animated series *Arcane* for a second season. The streaming giant announced the development during a recent fan event.

The series, which is a prequel to League of Legends, tells the origin story of two iconic League champions from the oppressed underground of Zaun and a developed region named Piltover.

Series co-creator Christian Linke will be serving as an executive producer along with Riot Games founders Marc Merrill and Brandon Beck, Jane Chung, and Thomas Vu. "We're beyond happy about the positive response to 'Arcane's first season and are working hard with the creative wizards at Riot and Fortiche to deliver our second installment," Linke and his co-creator Alex Yee said in a statement.

Further details related to the second season are currently under wraps.



Release date of *Aankh Micholi* out

CE FEATURES

THE makers of the Hindi film *Aankh Micholi* have announced the release date of the film. The comedy film will release in theatres on 13 May 2022.

Directed by Umesh Shukla, who directed *OMG: Oh My God* and 102 Not Out, the film features a large star cast, including Paresh Rawal, Abhimanyu, MrunalThakur and Sharman Joshi. The supporting casting features Divya Dutta, Abhishek Banerjee, Darshan Jariwala, Grusha Kapoor, and Vijay Raaz. The film is produced by Sony Pictures Films India in association with Umesh Shukla and Ashish Wagh.

Aankh Micholi has been written by Jitendra Parmar. The story revolves around a family of misfits. The music is composed by Sachin-Jigar.